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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

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**W. N. JONES, Commissioner.**

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# INTRODUCTION.

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HON. A. M. SCALES,

*Governor of North Carolina.*

DEAR SIR:—In compliance with the law creating the Bureau of Labor Statistics, I herewith submit to you and the General Assembly the Second Annual Report of this department for the year 1888.

The subjects embraced in this Report are contained in six chapters, as follows;

Chapter I.—Reports from Mechanics.

Chapter II.—Reports from Mechanical and other Employers.

Chapter III.—Apprentices.

Chapter IV.—Manual and Technical Training.

Chapter V.—Public Roads.

Chapter VI.—Agricultural Statistics.

Chapter I is devoted to reports from mechanics in reply to inquiries in reference to their wages, hours of labor, &c., and their educational, moral and financial condition. A large number of this class of correspondents have responded to our inquiries, and we have thought best to give what they have said in full. Their replies make a very extensive and interesting chapter—one presenting much valuable information, as well as opinions and suggestions as to what would benefit this class of our citizens and the producing classes of the State generally.

Chapter II is from mechanical and other employers of labor. The reports made are in regard to capital employed, wages paid, articles produced by the business reported, and also information in reference to the condition of the employees in them. The purpose being to get employers to give facts and opinions in reference to their business affairs, (to be used in a general way,) as well as information upon those points upon which employees expressed themselves in the previous chapter. It is hoped and believed that having these expressions from employers and employees coming together will prove a mutual benefit to both.

In Chapter III, the present apprentice law of the State is examined, and opinions obtained from the Clerks of the Superior Courts of the State, and others who were supposed to be familiar with the

present law, as to its practical workings. As will be seen, a considerable majority of the correspondents do not believe that the present statute meets the needs of our people on the subject. Many practical suggestions are made by them and presented in the chapter, as are also the crystalized ideas of other States in the shape of extracts from their apprentice laws.

In Chapter IV, some ideas have been gathered and inserted in reference to manual and technical training. A comparatively new subject, it is true, to most of the people of the State, but one that is destined to occupy a considerable share of their attention in the no distant future. It was thought proper and useful, therefore, to give some of the ideas of the leaders of thought upon the subject in this report.

Chapter V, deals with the present public road law of the State. In it are given the views of many correspondents in this State, representing all shades of opinion upon the subject. Extracts from the road laws of other States are also given. This is one of those public questions that of necessity claims a large share of the attention of the people of the State. Information upon the subject will be appreciated, and it is safe to assume that no chapter in the report will get more attention than the one on public roads.

Chapter VI, which is the last, is given to Agricultural Statistics, and is, in the main, concerning the productiveness of farming in the State the past year. The facts and figures given were taken from the experience of individual farmers, the correspondents of the Bureau. The deductions made from the information given will prove of interest and value, as will also the remarks contained in the chapter, in reference to agricultural affairs.

Besides the foregoing subjects, it was the intention of the Bureau to present in this report also, a chapter in regard to the mining industry of the State, and much information with respect to the business and labor in them was collected, but it was not as full as desired, and as the matter of the report, without the chapter on mining, occupied as much space as could be given to it, we determined to withhold the same for further investigation and fuller data.

The size of the present report, together with the smallness of the appropriation made for the support of the Bureau, is our excuse for not undertaking the investigation of other subjects which we were



requested to investigate by persons interested in them, and which were in line with our duties.

As will appear from this report and the former one, a considerable correspondence has been carried on by the Bureau with the people of the State. Their interest in the department has constantly increased from the beginning. They have given us generous and cheerful aid by responding to our inquiries, as well as by words of encouragement. They have recognized the Bureau in its true light, as a vehicle for the expression of views upon economic questions and affairs of State, and along with the information furnished of a private nature, the correspondents have given their opinions upon public affairs as well as those that immediately concerned them. The expressions for the most part have been conservative and prudent. There are but few bitter criticisms even in stating complaints, and what is said will commend itself by reason of this fact. Abuses will sooner be corrected by a plain, temperate expression than in any other way. The considerable space given to the statement of opinions from correspondents will do good. They will command that attention from all which the voice of the laboring and producing classes should receive.

The Bureau is designed to be an educational force. Its purpose is to investigate matters pertaining to the producers of the State, and to present them for public consideration. In this way it is hoped that a just public sentiment will be produced and fostered, and thus encouragement will be given, and the avenues to the highest development will be kept open. To the producing classes belong the hope of any people, and when their ideas are sought and they are encouraged and developed the best results follow to all. No better way has been found to do this than for a State to look particularly after these classes—to see what their condition is and what it ought to be and then present it for public consideration. Those States which have done so have been the most progressive and prosperous—not for one class but for all classes. In this age of machine and corporate power States must be on the alert as well as individuals for the best conditions, and those that are watchful get the prizes, while those that make no extra efforts find themselves far in the rear, eating the dust and dirt of those in front.

It is true that it is not the duty of the State to have any class of

its citizens as pampered favorites, but it is its duty to see that those ideas prevail which shall bring the best results to the body politic. That is done wherever enlightened views obtain about economic questions which concern the condition of those who toil. It is well known that servile labor is not the best labor, and that kind which approaches it has never brought the best results to the State. Those nations of antiquity were not the most prosperous or the most powerful when the lines between those represented by the patricians and plebeians were the most strongly drawn, and little attention given to the great body of the people. The same lesson may be learned from mediæval and modern history. and if we take up the history of the English speaking people we shall see that every step they have taken away from vassalage—every movement among them which has given stimulation and encouragement to those who toil has brought the best results to all. The history of the past may reasonably be relied on as an index for the future. The purpose, therefore, that called into being labor bureaus is a high one—that purpose being to look into the condition of the producers—particularly of those who are employees—to get their ideas and present them along with the ideas of others—to get ideas and to give back ideas, that they may act and re-act, that the public mind may be informed and a just sentiment created and fostered.

The first labor bureau was established in Massachusetts in 1869—a State in which more attention, perhaps, is paid to economic science than any in the Union. The Massachusetts Bureau made such a record for good in that Commonwealth, that no department of State was more relied on or created a greater interest than the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It came to be liberally supported, and it soon attracted attention in other States by its work. In 1872, Pennsylvania established a similar Bureau, and in 1876 Missouri also established one; other States followed, until now there are twenty-two State bureaus in existence, and also a National bureau, which has recently been enlarged and made a separate department of the government. These bureaus owe their rise and growth to no sudden impulse or ebullition of feeling, but the good effect of their work being seen and observed, they have steadily widened their influence and made their way to public favor. It is safer to assume that the development of this kind of statistical work has just begun.



The statistical department of government does not to-day, highly as it is regarded, occupy that prominent position which it is destined to assume. There is an eagerness everywhere apparent for statistical information, especially on economic questions, not for theoretical, but for practical purposes. The time has come when it is recognized that it is best for States to "keep books," as well as prudent business men, in order to post themselves thoroughly about their internal affairs, to see what their condition is and what their possibilities are—hence the avidity for statistical information.

The field which the North Carolina Bureau is intended to occupy therefore is not new or untried. It is a field well known, practical and definite, and one from which may be obtained the best results to the State. The work accomplished by it the past two years is only an earnest of what can be done.

It is hardly necessary to say that such work as the Bureau has in hand should be well done, and sufficient funds should be provided for that purpose. The act establishing the Bureau allows three thousand dollars for the first year's work, and two thousand dollars for each subsequent year. By reference to this creative act, it will be seen that this latter sum is less than is necessary to run the ordinary expenses of the department. By the most rigid economy it requires the sum of three thousand dollars to pay the salaries, postage and incidental office expenses. This amount is required to meet the expenses of the Bureau when the work is done entirely by correspondence, as was done the past two years, and is less than that allowed by any other Bureau in the country. Most of the bureaus allow a special sum for travelling expenses for investigation by canvass, and the money expended in this way is found to be wisely spent, because in some instances, and in regard to some lines of investigation, it is necessary for statistical work to be done by canvass in order to get the best and most reliable data. It will only be necessary to call attention to the present allowance for the support of this department to show how meagre it is, and also how insufficient it is to do the work embraced in the act establishing the same.

In transmitting this report, we desire to say that the thanks of the Bureau are due, and are cordially extended, the many correspondents who have answered our inquiries, and who have given

the information contained in the Report. They have served their own as well as the State's best interest, by giving this information and expressing themselves concerning the labor and industrial interests of the State. Our thanks are also due for courtesies extended by the press in sending copies of their papers to the Bureau, and also for kindly expressions in regard to the work done as shown in the first Report. Mention should also be made of the kindness of many county officers in giving information, which was very beneficial to and very much appreciated by us.

Respectfully,

W. N. JONES,  
*Commissioner.*

RALEIGH, January 1, 1889.



# ANNUAL REPORT

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### CHAPTER I.

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#### REPORTS FROM MECHANICS.

The reports received from mechanics during the present year are contained in this chapter. It will be seen from the tables and remarks embraced in it, that all the counties of the State are represented, some more fully than others, but all by several correspondents. The number of returns from some of the counties, however, is not as great as it should be. The reason of this is that the mechanics in these counties did not answer the blanks sent out as fully as they were answered in others. A considerable number of blanks were sent into every county in the State, but a great percentage of mechanics are unused to expressing themselves by correspondence, and hence a failure to answer. Many have opinions and information which they are willing to give an expression to off hand, but it is difficult to get an expression from them on paper. When this fact is considered, the returns which are contained in this chapter, both as to value and scope, will be appreciated and acknowledged as very full. It is gratifying to know that the percentage of those answering our inquiries is larger than is reported by most of the Bureaus of other States.

In reading this chapter, it should be remembered that the reports from which it is made up are from individual mechanics, who live for the most part in the towns of the State. In some instances they may not represent the general average of a county, but as a general thing they do represent the counties from which they come, and it

is believed that the averages for the State will be found to be reliable. From the tables it will be seen that the average journeyman compensation in the principal mechanical pursuits of the State is as follows: Blacksmiths, \$1.38; brickmasons, \$1.95; carpenters, \$1.40; machinists, \$2.06; millwrights, \$2.10; painters, \$1.43; printers, \$1.44; wheelwrights, \$1.50.

While the above rate of compensation is not as high as in some other States of the Union where the centres of population are larger, yet it is to be noted that the number owning homes and accumulating, from the reports made, is higher than in States where a greater rate of compensation prevails. The percentage of those owning homes from the reports received is 59; percentage accumulating from wages received 39; percentage running in debt for living expenses 20. This is a creditable showing, and speaks well for the thrift and economy of the mechanics of the State with the compensation received.

The average reported wages paid in cash, from the returns sent in, amounts to seventy-five per cent.; wages paid in merchandize twenty-five per cent. Attention is respectfully called to the remarks made upon this point in the first report of the Bureau, a part of which is as follows:

“Another matter which should receive the consideration of those interested, and to which attention is called by some of the correspondents of the Bureau, is the system which prevails with some employers in the State, of requiring their employees to trade at certain stores—a system which is known in other parts of the country as the “truck system.” Wherever it has been used it has been uniformly condemned—causing more or less dissatisfaction and trouble. \* \* \* By such a course, employees are not allowed the benefits of competition in trade, which is always beneficial to the trader. Compulsion in this matter is unjust, because the employer insists upon making two profits upon the employee's work—one on the product of his labor, the other on the consumption of his labor. Such a course savors too much of greed, and even if carried on justly, would create distrust. \* \* \* Happily, the “truck system” is not very extensively practiced in North Carolina, though in connection with some enterprises in the State it is carried on. It is to be hoped that it will never be followed by the shops and factories in the State. It would even be better to pay less and allow workmen to have their earnings, whatever they are, to do as they please with, rather than compel them to trade at any particular place. There can be no valid objection to any employer carrying on a store if he so desires, but to compel his employees to trade there cannot be justified.”



The average price of board, as gathered from the returns from the different counties in the State, is nine dollars and five cents. This information was sought for the purpose of affording some idea of the cost of living in the State. It represents neither the highest nor the lowest price paid, but the average, and it is believed that the answers given will afford a just idea of the subject. A question was contained in the blanks sent to mechanics as to the cost of living by families, but it seems not to have been answered in a large number of instances as it should have been. Some failed to include the cost of clothing, others did not include cost of farm products raised by them and consumed, and there were other reasons which indicated much unreliability, hence it was deemed best to rely upon the answers to the cost of board as affording a more correct estimate of the cost of living in the State.

The average amount of rent paid by those reporting is forty-two dollars and fifty cents.

The average number of months the public schools are kept open is four. This is some larger than the average given by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State in his report, but this is to be accounted for by the fact that the returns of the Bureau, for the most part, come from the towns of the State, as heretofore indicated, and when this fact is taken into account the average months given will be seen not to be too large. Out of the fifteen hundred children reported in the families making returns to the Bureau, one thousand and fifty are represented as attending school, something over two-thirds.

The average hours of labor per day, as shown in the table for the State, is ten and four-fifths. This is a very high average, and one that ought to be lessened, and will be when a just view of the question is taken by those who insist upon a greater number.

Coming to the remarks contained in the chapter, we find that considerable mention is made about the large number of incompetent workmen in the various counties of the State, who set themselves up as proficient to the detriment of those who are really competent. This is attributed by some to the present method of apprenticing those who learn mechanical trades, in which there is no obligation of the employer to instruct, and consequently no stipulation on the part of the apprentice to serve for instruction. It happens that emi-



ployers take apprentices without expecting to give them employment when they arrive at that age when they must have such wages as will support a family. Their only expectation is to get cheap work out of the apprentice as long as possible, and when the time to pay something like journeyman wages arrives the apprentice is displaced, and some one else is taken, ostensibly, to learn the trade, and thus the process is continued, not only to the detriment of proficient workmen, but of many fair employers as well.

Prices are disturbed by this method, both as to labor and the products of labor, by crowding the market with half proficient mechanics. Much is said in the remarks about the loose methods of employing apprentices, and the disadvantages resulting therefrom, but as this subject is fully considered under the head of apprentices in the third chapter, the attention of the reader is called to what is said there.

No doubt the subject of incompetent workmen comes closer to the mechanics of the State than any other. We are led to this conclusion by the prominence given to the subject in the remarks sent in. If, therefore, any just and practical assistance can be rendered by which better mechanics may be turned out of the shops of the State, it should receive the careful attention of those who represent the people in a legislative way. The practical question comes up, can this be done, and if so, how?

We believe that it can be done, and that too as suggested by many correspondents of the Bureau, to-wit: By a system of certificates such as are now given to lawyers, doctors and teachers. We believe it can be accomplished in this way in connection with the present school system of the State, and if it can be done, it is just as incumbent upon the State to foster learning in mechanical ways as it is to foster the training of the mind. The fact is, many thoughtful people are beginning to see that these two kinds of instruction have in the past been too widely divorced, and there has not been that attention paid to hand training which should have been. Certainly the State is very much interested in skilled labor, because material advancement comes in this way. As shown in another chapter, progressive States are waking up to this conclusion, and are following out their ideas by establishing manual and technical training schools as a part of public education. North Carolina is now making a be-



ginning in the same direction, but it will, doubtless, be some time before school education in the State will afford any general and specific advantage to mechanical training. A system of mechanical certificates could, however, be very soon put into operation in connection with the public school system without any detriment to it. This could be done by making it the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in each county to give these certificates in proper cases. While this officer could not, of course, be expected to know enough by himself about the various mechanical pursuits carried on in a county to pass upon the proficiency of those who might apply for certificates, (no one would be able to do that,) yet if the applicant were required to state in his petition applying for a certificate what his qualifications were, and to give references as to work done by him, and to furnish the testimony of those who were acquainted with his abilities, both employers and employees, as to whether he was worthy of a certificate, and if so, what kind of a certificate, the superintendent could easily satisfy himself from evidence given, or such additional as he might seek in his discretion, what the applicant was entitled to, and could govern himself accordingly. He could give him a first-class certificate, or a second-class certificate, or a third-class certificate, or no certificate at all, as is now the case with those seeking positions as teachers in the public schools.

If the superintendent should be required to publish the days upon which he would visit the different townships of a county, the information necessary to pass upon applicants could be very easily obtained. The superintendent must visit the public schools anyhow; the time consumed in investigating mechanical applicants would not be considerable. In this way any sensible and vigilant superintendent could pass intelligently upon the merits of every applicant. Certainly the method suggested would be a better means of determining mechanical ability than the average examination of the schools and professions to determine standing in them.

The superintendent might be required to make a report of his action with respect to applicants to the county board of education, stating therein the names of those examined, to whom certificates were granted, their occupation, grade of certificate, by whom recommended, &c.

These facts might be recorded by the clerk of the board in a book



kept for that purpose. It would, doubtless, be well to make it the duty of the board of education in conjunction with the superintendent to pass finally upon all applications, and to provide that the boards of education in the several counties should be composed of one practical mechanic.

The adoption of such a plan as the foregoing would, of course, make the duties of the superintendent of public instruction greater than they now are, and consequently his compensation would have to be greater. In order to meet this, at least in part, it might be deemed wise to require that a small fee, not to exceed one dollar, accompany each petition. If any additional pay should be necessary it could very well and properly be borne by the general school fund, as it would necessarily be slight, and the work done would be to the greatest advantage of the commonwealth, creating of necessity a spirit of emulation in the various mechanical pursuits of the State. Such a system of certificates would be just as salutary as it is with teachers and others. The first grade certificate would be striven for, because it would show that the mechanic holding it was a first grade mechanic, and was entitled to first grade pay. There would be a constant effort on the part of those following mechanical pursuits to obtain this grade of certificate. This would be an advantage not only to employees, but of employers as well, because they would be enabled to know at least something of the qualifications of mechanics.

It is true that there are mechanics whose reputations are well known as good workmen, who would not need or seek these certificates; but it is also true that there are large numbers who would seek them, and to whom they would be of great advantage. It may be said that the system is not intended alone for those who are well known as proficient workmen, but for others also. To those whose reputations are not established it would be beneficial in that it would show where merit was. At the same time it would be a protection to those whose reputations might be established, because it would indicate who the good workmen were among those not well known as such. This would be to the advantage of merit all round, at the same time the system would stimulate to attain proficiency on the part of those not having it.

As many thoughtful mechanics, not only in this State but in



others favor this system, as is to be seen in the reports of the various State bureaus, their opinions deserve very careful consideration. We believe there is much practical good in the idea, and if the system is inaugurated it is peculiarly appropriate that it should be done in connection with the public school system of the State—a system that owes a great deal more to hand training than it is now giving.

There are many other subjects of interest discussed in the remarks of this chapter, and attention is respectfully directed to what is there said.

TABLE NO. 1.—SHOWING OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUAL MECHANICS REPORTING  
THEIR HOURS, OF LABOR, WAGES AND HOW PAID, NUMBER  
FOR BOARD, NUMBER IN FAMILY, SCHOOL MONTHS,

| OCCUPATION BY<br>COUNTIES. | Years worked at<br>trade. | Hours worked<br>per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings<br>per year. | Paid by day, week<br>or month. | Per cent. wages<br>paid cash. | Per ct. wages paid<br>in store orders. | Trade where you<br>choose. |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ALAMANCE.</b>           |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                               |                                        |                            |
| Iron Worker .....          | 35                        | 12                       | \$ 75          | \$              |                  | \$                          | day                            | 25                            | 75                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 8                         | 11                       |                |                 | \$20 00          | 240 00                      | irregular                      | 50                            | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 15                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 5 00            |                  |                             |                                | 50                            | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Harness Maker .....        | 3                         | 12                       | 1 75           |                 |                  |                             |                                | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Wagon Maker .....          | 33                        |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                               |                                        | yes                        |
| Machinist .....            | 40                        | 10                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 25                            | 75                                     | yes                        |
| Millwright .....           | 40                        | 10                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 25                            | 75                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 3                         | 10                       | 1 00           |                 |                  | 220 00                      | day                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 14                        | 10                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Brick Mason .....          | 10                        | 12                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 12                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  | 288 00                      | day                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 9                         | 11                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             |                                | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Engineer .....             | 30                        | 10                       |                |                 |                  |                             | year                           | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 12                        | 10                       |                |                 |                  | 276 00                      | month                          | 75                            | 25                                     | yes                        |
| Moulder .....              | 30                        | 10                       | 60             |                 |                  | 172 00                      | day                            | 50                            | 50                                     | yes                        |
| <b>ALEXANDER.</b>          |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                               |                                        |                            |
| Millwright .....           | 12                        | 12                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | day or job                     | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Cabinet Maker .....        | 12                        | 12                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | day or job                     | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 3                         | 12                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | month                          | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 3                         | 10                       |                |                 |                  | 200 00                      | job                            | 50                            | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            |                           | 10                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Millwright .....           | 8                         | 11                       |                |                 |                  |                             | job                            |                               |                                        | yes                        |
| <b>ALLEGHANY.</b>          |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                               |                                        |                            |
| Millwright .....           |                           | 10                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             |                                |                               |                                        |                            |
| Stone Mason .....          | 25                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                             | day                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Harness Maker .....        | 20                        | 12                       | 2 00           |                 |                  | 600 00                      |                                |                               |                                        | yes                        |
| Laborer .....              | 8                         | 11                       | 50             | 3 00            | 12 00            | 144 00                      | month                          | 50                            | 50                                     | no                         |
| Mechanic .....             | 35                        | 12                       | 1 25           |                 |                  | 500 00                      |                                | 33                            | 67                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter, etc. ....       | 10                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                             | day                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 10                        | 12                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 67                            | 33                                     | ptly                       |
| <b>ANSON.</b>              |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                               |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter, etc. ....       | 10                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 300 00                      | job                            | 75                            | 25                                     | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 10                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 300 00                      | week                           | 25                            | 75                                     | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 7                         | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 83 00                       | month                          | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 20                        | 12                       | 1 75           | 7 50            |                  |                             | day                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 9                         | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 00            | 25 00            |                             | job                            | 50                            | 50                                     | no                         |
| <b>ASHE.</b>               |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                               |                                        |                            |
| Cabinet Maker .....        | 7                         | 11                       | 1 00           |                 | 26 00            |                             | job                            | 25                            | 75                                     |                            |
| Carpenter .....            | 7                         | 12                       | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                             | day                            | 33                            | 67                                     | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 12                        | 11                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | 20 00            |                             | day                            | 50                            | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Stone Mason .....          | 17                        | 11                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| <b>BLAUFORT.</b>           |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                               |                                        |                            |
| Laborer .....              | 10                        | 11                       | 50             |                 |                  |                             | month                          | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |
| Laborer .....              | 20                        | 10                       | 50             |                 |                  |                             |                                | 50                            | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Laborer .....              | 10                        | 12                       | 50             |                 |                  | 100 00                      | year                           | 100                           |                                        | no                         |
| Printer .....              | 3                         | 9                        |                | 10 00           |                  |                             |                                | 100                           |                                        | yes                        |



TO THE BUREAU FROM DIFFERENT COUNTIES OF THE STATE PAST YEAR, WITH  
OF DAYS LOST FROM INABILITY TO OBTAIN WORK, PRICE PAID  
NUMBER ATTENDING SCHOOL, &C.

| Earnings of all<br>others in family. | Days unable to get<br>work past year. | Price of board per<br>month. | Number in family. | Number working<br>for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Per cent. wages in-<br>creased past year. | Per cent. wages de-<br>creased past year. | Live better than<br>three years ago. | Public School in<br>neighborhood. | Months open past<br>year. | Number children<br>school age. | Number attending<br>school. | Any apprentice<br>rule in your trade. | Accumulate any-<br>thing past year. | Run in debt past y'r<br>for living expenses |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| \$                                   |                                       | \$6 to 7                     | 4                 | 1                            | yes          | \$                  |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 2                         |                                |                             | no                                    | no                                  | no                                          |
|                                      | 50                                    | 6 to 7                       | 4                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | same                                 | yes                               | 3                         |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | 250                                   | 6 to 7                       | 8                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 3                         | 1                              | 2                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 9 00                         | 6                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 3                         | 1                              | 2                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 8 00                         | 6                 |                              | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 3                         | 2                              | 1                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | 180                                   | 7 50                         | 5                 |                              | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 4                         | 2                              | 2                           | no                                    | yes                                 | yes                                         |
|                                      | 180                                   | 7 50                         | 5                 |                              | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 4                         | 2                              | 2                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | 92                                    | 7 to 8                       | 4                 | 1                            | no           | 42                  |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 4                         | 2                              | 1                           | no                                    | no                                  | yes                                         |
|                                      | none                                  | 9 00                         | 5                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 3                         |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | 8                                     | 8 50                         | 5                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 3                         |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | 60                                    | 7 to 8                       | 4                 | 1                            | yes          |                     | 15                                        |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 3                         |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 9 00                         | 4                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 3                         |                                |                             | no                                    | no                                  | yes                                         |
|                                      |                                       | 7 50                         | 6                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 5                         | 3                              | 3                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 6 00                         | 6                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 5                         | 2                              | 2                           | yes                                   | yes                                 | no                                          |
| 30 00                                | 25                                    | 6 00                         | 7                 | 1                            | no           |                     |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 4                         | 3                              |                             | yes                                   | no                                  | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 8 00                         | 3                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   |                                   |                           |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | ----                                        |
|                                      |                                       | 8 00                         | 3                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   |                                   |                           |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | ----                                        |
| none                                 | 75                                    | 6 to 10                      | 1                 |                              | no           |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 3                         |                                |                             | no                                    | no                                  | no                                          |
| 25 00                                |                                       | 8 00                         | 3                 |                              | no           |                     | 5                                         |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 5                         | 1                              | 1                           | no                                    | no                                  | no                                          |
|                                      | none                                  | 6 to 8                       | 3                 |                              | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | same                                 | yes                               | 2                         |                                |                             | no                                    | no                                  | no                                          |
|                                      | none                                  | 7 00                         | 3                 |                              | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | same                                 | no                                |                           |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 5 to 6                       | 4                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 10                        | 2                              |                             | yes                                   | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 5 to 12                      | 6                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 10                        | 1                              | 1                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | 65                                    | 5 to 6                       | 5                 |                              | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 2                         | 2                              | 1                           | no                                    | no                                  | yes                                         |
| 100 00                               | 25                                    | 8 00                         | 5                 | 2                            | yes          |                     | 10                                        |                                           | same                                 | yes                               | 4                         | 2                              | 2                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
| 50 00                                |                                       | 10 00                        | 5                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           |                                      | yes                               | 3                         | 2                              | 2                           | no                                    | no                                  | yes                                         |
|                                      |                                       | 6 to 8                       | 8                 |                              | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 34                        | 5                              | 4                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
| 150 00                               | 75                                    | 5 to 8                       | 4                 | 1                            | yes          |                     | 20                                        |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 3                         |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | 150                                   | 10 00                        | 5                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           | 5                                         | no                                   | yes                               | 4                         | 4                              |                             | no                                    | no                                  | yes                                         |
|                                      | 30                                    | 10 00                        | 1                 | 1                            | no           |                     |                                           |                                           | same                                 | yes                               | 4                         |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
| 75 00                                |                                       | 8 00                         | 8                 | 3                            | no           |                     |                                           | 25                                        | no                                   | yes                               | 3                         | 3                              | 3                           | no                                    | no                                  | ----                                        |
| none                                 | none                                  | 7 50                         | 7                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 3                         | 2                              | 1                           | no                                    | no                                  | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 6 to 8                       | 2                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 2                         |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | none                                  | 6 to 8                       |                   | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 2                         |                                |                             | no                                    | no                                  | no                                          |
| 60 00                                | none                                  | 7 50                         | 6                 | 1                            | no           | 36                  |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | yes                               | 24                        | 2                              | 2                           | no                                    | no                                  | no                                          |
|                                      | 100                                   | 7 00                         | 8                 | 1                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 2                         | 3                              | 2                           | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      | none                                  | 7 00                         | 1                 | 1                            | no           | free                | 10                                        | 10                                        | yes                                  | yes                               | 4                         |                                |                             | no                                    | yes                                 | no                                          |
|                                      |                                       | 6 00                         | 6                 | 6                            | yes          |                     |                                           |                                           | no                                   | yes                               | 3                         | 6                              | 5                           | no                                    | no                                  | ----                                        |
|                                      | 30                                    | 7 00                         | 4                 | 1                            | no           |                     |                                           | 10                                        | no                                   | yes                               | 2                         | 2                              |                             | no                                    | no                                  | yes                                         |
|                                      |                                       | 12 00                        | 2                 | 1                            | no           | 60                  |                                           |                                           | yes                                  | no                                |                           |                                |                             | no                                    | no                                  | no                                          |

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
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| <b>BEAUFORT.</b>        |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Sawyer                  | 10                     | 11                    | \$ 1 00        | \$              | \$               | \$                       | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 5                      | 11                    | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | job                         | 100                           | ---                                 | ptly                    |
| Brick Mason             | 35                     | 12                    | 2 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 35                     | 12                    | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 7                      | 11                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 16                     | 10                    | 2 50           | ---             | ---              | 500 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 40                     | 11                    | 1 25           | 6 00            | ---              | ---                      | irregular                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Lumbering               | 6                      | 11½                   | 75             | ---             | ---              | ---                      | week                        | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Sawyer                  | 10                     | 11                    | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| <b>BERTIE.</b>          |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick Mason             | 16                     | 12                    | 1 75           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day and job                 | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter               | 40                     | 11                    | 2 00           | ---             | ---              | 500 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 10                     | 10                    | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | 300 00                   | month                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 30                     | ---                   | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | ---                    | ---                   | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | irregular                   | ---                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| <b>BLADEN.</b>          |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Blacksmith              | 4                      | 10                    | 2 25           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | job                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Sawyer                  | 15                     | 11                    | ---            | ---             | ---              | 400 00                   | month                       | ---                           | 100                                 | no                      |
| Blacksmith              | ---                    | 11                    | ---            | 9 00            | ---              | ---                      | week                        | ---                           | 100                                 | no                      |
| Carpenter               | ---                    | 11                    | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day and job                 | ---                           | 100                                 | no                      |
| Blacksmith              | 1                      | 10                    | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | 312 00                   | job                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 3                      | 10                    | 2 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | ---                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 20                     | 10½                   | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Cooper                  | 10                     | ---                   | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | week                        | ---                           | 100                                 | no                      |
| Edgetool Smith          | 6                      | 10                    | 2 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 55                     | ---                   | 1 25           | 7 00            | 30 00            | 360 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Supt. Saw Mill          | 4                      | 12                    | ---            | 10 00           | ---              | 480 00                   | month                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             | 10                     | ---                   | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 23                     | 12                    | ---            | ---             | ---              | ---                      | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Cooper                  | 10                     | ---                   | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| <b>BRUNSWICK.</b>       |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Painter                 | 25                     | 10                    | ---            | 5 00            | ---              | ---                      | week                        | 10                            | 90                                  | no                      |
| Engineer                | 6                      | 12                    | ---            | ---             | 50 00            | 600 00                   | month                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 30                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | ---              | ---                      | week                        | 50                            | 50                                  | ---                     |
| Brick Mason             | 30                     | 10                    | 2 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | week                        | 50                            | 50                                  | ---                     |
| Painter                 | 15                     | 10                    | 1 25           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 18                     | 12                    | ---            | ---             | 15 00            | 180 00                   | month                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 25                     | 10                    | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | 300 00                   | job                         | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 18                     | 12                    | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | irregular                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 4                      | 10                    | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | 290 00                   | day                         | ---                           | 100                                 | no                      |
| Mechanic                | 25                     | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            | ---              | 300 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             | 25                     | 10                    | ---            | ---             | ---              | ---                      | job                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 25                     | 12                    | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | job                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             | 45                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | ---              | 350 00                   | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| <b>BUNCOMBE.</b>        |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 12                     | 10                    | 2 50           | 15 00           | ---              | ---                      | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 16                     | 10                    | 3 00           | 18 00           | ---              | 768 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Plasterer               | 4                      | 10                    | 2 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                      | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Wagon Maker             | 38                     | 10                    | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | 700 00                   | job                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |



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| Earnings of all others in family. | Days unable to get work past year. | Price of board per month. | Number in family. | Number working for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Per cent. wages increased past year. | Per cent. wages decreased past year. | Lave better than three years ago. | Public School in neighborhood. | Months open past year. | Number children school age. | Number attending school. | Any apprentice rule in your trade. | Accumulate anything past year. | Run in debt past yr for living expenses |
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| \$-----                           | -----                              | \$10 00                   | 4                 | 1                         | no           | free                | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | no                             | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | -----                          | -----                                   |
| -----                             | 5                                  | 8 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 200 00                            | 2006                               | to 12                     | 3                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | -----                             | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | -----                          | no                                      |
| 200 00                            | 46                                 | to 12                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 50 00                             | 100                                | 10 00                     | 7                 | -----                     | -----        | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| 250 00                            | 10                                 | 10 00                     | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 200 00                            | 1008                               | to 10                     | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| 75 00                             | 7                                  | to 10                     | 7                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | -----                              | yes                            | no                                      |
| 150 00                            | none                               | 10 00                     | 4                 | -----                     | no           | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | no                             | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | yes                                | no                             | -----                                   |
| -----                             | 42                                 | 8 00                      | 8                 | 3                         | no           | \$ 25               | -----                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 6                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| 250 00                            | none                               | 10 00                     | 5                 | 2                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | 30                                 | 10 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | no           | -----               | -----                                | 10                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | 5                                    | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| -----                             | -----                              | 7 00                      | 5                 | 3                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 72 00                             | -----                              | 10 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | 15                                   | -----                                | yes                               | no                             | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | -----                     | 12                | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 8                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | -----                     | -----             | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | -----                          | no                                      |
| -----                             | 21                                 | -----                     | -----             | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | -----                          | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | 10 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | no           | b'ds                | 25                                   | -----                                | yes                               | no                             | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | -----                          | -----                                   |
| -----                             | -----                              | 10 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | no           | b'ds                | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | no                             | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | -----                          | -----                                   |
| -----                             | -----                              | 6 00                      | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | b'ds                | -----                                | 25                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | -----                     | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | 25                                   | -----                             | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| 240 00                            | 100                                | 8 to 15                   | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 200 00                            | -----                              | 8 00                      | 8                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 5                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | 10 00                     | 4                 | 2                         | yes          | -----               | 50                                   | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | 8 00                      | 8                 | 1                         | -----        | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 6                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | 8 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | 5 to 8                    | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 6                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | 12 00                     | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 6                           | -----                    | -----                              | -----                          | yes                                     |
| -----                             | -----                              | 12 00                     | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | no                             | -----                  | 1                           | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| -----                             | 100                                | 8 to 10                   | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 54                  | -----                                | 12                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| none                              | 100                                | 8 to 10                   | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 54                  | -----                                | 12                                   | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| none                              | 1                                  | 14 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | -----                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| none                              | -----                              | 6 00                      | 3                 | 1                         | no           | n'ne                | -----                                | -----                                | sm                                | yes                            | -----                  | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 100 00                            | -----                              | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | few                                | 6 00                      | 10                | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | 50                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 150 00                            | -----                              | 8 00                      | 8                 | 2                         | yes          | -----               | 5                                    | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | -----                              | 5 00                      | 10                | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 7                           | 7                        | -----                              | no                             | no                                      |
| 300 00                            | 150                                | 10 00                     | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | 25                                   | no                                | no                             | -----                  | 2                           | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| -----                             | -----                              | -----                     | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | no                             | -----                  | 2                           | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| -----                             | -----                              | 8 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | 10                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | 75                                 | 10to15                    | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 84                  | 25                                   | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | 25                                 | 12 00                     | 2                 | -----                     | no           | 100                 | 25                                   | 25                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 10                     | -----                       | -----                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| -----                             | 30                                 | 10to15                    | 1                 | 1                         | no           | b'ds                | -----                                | -----                                | yes                               | yes                            | 10                     | -----                       | -----                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                      |
| -----                             | 30                                 | 10to15                    | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | no                                | yes                            | -----                  | 4                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |



TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY<br>COUNTIES. | Years worked<br>at trade. | Hours worked<br>per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings<br>per year. | Paid by day, week<br>or month. | Per cent. wages<br>paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid<br>in store orders. | Trade where you<br>choose. |
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| BUNCOMBE.                  |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Shoe Maker.....            | 8                         | 12                       | 1 56           | \$-----         | \$-----          | \$-----                     | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter.....             | 4                         | 9½                       | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | 350 00                      | day.....                       | 100                              | ---                                    | no                         |
| Carpenter.....             | 5                         | 10                       | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Laborer.....               | 1                         | 10                       | -----          | -----           | -----            | 312 00                      | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Wheelwright.....           | 37                        | 10                       | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith.....            | 20                        | 12                       | -----          | -----           | -----            | 500 00                      | irregular.....                 | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Painter.....               | 15                        | 10                       | -----          | 9 00            | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | no                         |
| Harness Maker.....         | 30                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 7 00            | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Work.....            | 16                        | 10                       | 2 50           | -----           | -----            | 300 00                      | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Machinist.....             | 12                        | 10                       | -----          | 10 00           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | ---                              | 100                                    | no                         |
| BURKE.                     |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Tinner.....                | 15                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | -----            | 300 00                      | day and job.....               | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| Printer.....               | 12                        | 10                       | 62             | 3 75            | -----            | 170 00                      | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Printer.....               | 1                         | 10                       | 33             | 2 00            | -----            | -----                       | month.....                     | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Plasterer.....             | 14                        | 10                       | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | job.....                       | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason.....           | 14                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 220 00                      | week.....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Brick Mason.....           | 3                         | 11                       | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter.....             | 6                         | 10½                      | 1 50           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | day and job.....               | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| CABARRUS.                  |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter.....             | 12                        | 10                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | -----            | 360 00                      | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Miller.....                | 16                        | -----                    | toll           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | -----                          | ---                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason.....           | 35                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Plasterer.....             | -----                     | 10                       | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Laborer.....               | -----                     | 10                       | 75             | -----           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason.....           | 8                         | 10½                      | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | 350 00                      | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Drayman.....               | 23                        | -----                    | 66             | -----           | -----            | 204 00                      | month.....                     | 80                               | 20                                     | yes                        |
| Cabinet Maker.....         | 42                        | 8                        | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                       | job.....                       | ---                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Wagon Maker.....           | -----                     | -----                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | ---                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter.....             | 13                        | 10½                      | 1 50           | -----           | -----            | 300 00                      | day.....                       | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Brick Mason.....           | 12                        | 10                       | 2 50           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Wagon Maker.....           | 20                        | 10                       | -----          | -----           | -----            | 280 00                      | job.....                       | ---                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| CALDWELL.                  |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Brick Mason.....           | 10                        | 12                       | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | day.....                       | 25                               | 75                                     | no                         |
| Carpenter.....             | 6                         | 10                       | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | day.....                       | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Printer.....               | 9                         | -----                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | 350 00                      | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith.....            | 17                        | 12                       | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason.....           | 20                        | -----                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | day.....                       | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter.....             | 20                        | -----                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | day.....                       | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| CAMDEN.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Wood Worker.....           | 30                        | -----                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                       | job.....                       | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter.....             | 24                        | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | -----            | -----                       | week.....                      | 17                               | 83                                     | no                         |
| Engineer.....              | 22                        | 11                       | 2 00           | -----           | 50 00            | 500 00                      | month.....                     | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter.....             | 30                        | 11                       | 1 75           | 10 00           | 40 00            | 400 00                      | day and job.....               | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason.....           | 25                        | 10                       | 2 50           | -----           | -----            | 400 00                      | day and job.....               | 75                               | 25                                     | yes                        |
| Wheelwright.....           | 12                        | 10                       | 1 50           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | day.....                       | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Sawyer.....                | 12                        | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | -----                       | month.....                     | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith.....            | 30                        | 11                       | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                       | job.....                       | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter, &c.....         | 40                        | 10                       | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | 200 00                      | job.....                       | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter.....             | 12                        | 12                       | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | month.....                     | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |







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| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
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| CAMDEN.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick Mason             | 30                     | 11                    | 2 00           | \$              | \$               | \$                       | job                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             | 40                     | 12                    |                |                 |                  | 300 00                   | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 30                     | 11                    | 1 25           |                 | 25 00            |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Engineer                | 15                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Millwright              | 15                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| CARTERET.               |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 34                     | 10                    | 1 75           |                 |                  | 200 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Laborer                 |                        | 11                    | 75             |                 |                  |                          | month                       | 100                           |                                     | no                      |
| Carpenter               | 25                     | 11                    |                |                 |                  | 450 00                   | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Shoemaker               | 30                     | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  | 360 00                   |                             |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 40                     | 12                    | 2 00           |                 |                  | 600 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Sawyer                  | 30                     | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 86                            | 14                                  | no                      |
| Machinist               | 30                     |                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | month                       |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 20                     | 10                    |                | 7 50            |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 3                      | 10                    | 40             | 2 40            | 8 00             |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 37                     | 10                    | 2 50           |                 |                  | 600 00                   | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 4                      | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Printer                 | 3                      | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  | 200 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 25                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  | 250 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Mason                   | 20                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 24                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | day                         |                               | 100                                 | no                      |
| Ship Carpenter          | 30                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 18                     | 11                    | 40             |                 |                  |                          | day                         |                               | 100                                 | no                      |
| Fisherman               | 15                     | 10                    |                |                 |                  | 250 00                   |                             |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 15                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Fisherman, &c.          | 20                     |                       |                |                 | 25 00            | 250 00                   |                             | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 20                     | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Ship Carpenter          | 35                     | 10                    |                |                 |                  | 200 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| CASWELL.                |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Engineer                | 15                     | 12                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     |                         |
| Sawyer                  | 15                     | 12                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     |                         |
| Millwright              | 50                     | 10                    | 2 50           |                 |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 50                     | 11                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 50                     | 11                    | 2 50           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Plasterer               | 50                     | 11                    | 2 50           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 11                     | 12                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 9                      | 11                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 4                      | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| CATAWBA.                |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 18                     | 12                    | 75             | 4 20            |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Factory Overseer        | 24                     | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 300 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Wagon Maker             | 5                      | 12                    | 50             |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Shoemaker               | 8                      |                       |                |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 12                     | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Harness Maker           | 20                     | 12                    | 95             | 5 70            |                  |                          | month                       | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 2                      | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          |                             | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Supt. C'ton Mills       | 15                     | 11½                   | 1 75           |                 |                  |                          | month                       |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 22                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  | 600 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 15                     | 12                    | 1 25           |                 |                  | 400 00                   | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |



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| Earnings of all others in family. | Days unable to get work past year. | Price of board per month. | Number in family. | Number working for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Per cent. wages increased past year. | Per cent. wages decreased past year. | Live better than three years ago | Public School in neighborhood. | Months open past year. | Number children school age. | Number attending school. | Any apprentice rule in your trade. | Accumulate anything past year. | Run in debt past year for living expenses |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| none                              | 150                                | 6 to 10                   | 4                 | 1                         | no           | \$ 18               | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| \$16 00                           | none                               | 5 to 8                    | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | 5                                    | no                               | yes                            | 4                      | 6                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 100 00                            | ...                                | 6 00                      | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                              | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ...                               | ...                                | 8 00                      | 7                 | 2                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                              | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 250 00                            | ...                                | 8 00                      | 7                 | 2                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | same                             | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 150 00                            | ...                                | 10 00                     | 9                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                              | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | ...                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | no                             | ...                    | ...                         | ...                      | ...                                | ...                            | ...                                       |
| none                              | none                               | 6 00                      | 5                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | 10                                   | no                               | no                             | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | 25                                   | ...                                  | yes                              | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ...                               | 100                                | 5 00                      | 9                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                              | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 60                                 | 7 00                      | 7                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ...                               | 150                                | 15 00                     | 14                | 3                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 8                           | ...                      | ...                                | ...                            | ...                                       |
| none                              | ...                                | 12 to 15                  | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | 20                                   | no                               | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ...                               | 150                                | 8 to 10                   | ...               | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 2                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 400 00                            | 100                                | 8 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | ...                                  | 20                                   | no                               | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | ...                                | 16 00                     | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                              | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 25 00                             | 90                                 | 10 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                              | yes                            | 3                      | ...                         | ...                      | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 150                                | 15 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | 125                                | 8 to 15                   | 6                 | 2                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                              | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 75                                 | 8 00                      | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | 33                                   | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 300 00                            | 150                                | 7 to 10                   | 5                 | 3                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | ...                            | ...                                       |
| ...                               | ...                                | 6 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 10                     | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | ...                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | ...                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | ...                                | 10 00                     | 6                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 1                        | yes                                | ...                            | ...                                       |
| none                              | ...                                | 10 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 200                                | 10 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$        | ...                         | ...                      | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 5 to 10                   | 1                 | ...                       | no           | b'ds                | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                              | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 5 to 10                   | 1                 | ...                       | no           | b'ds                | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                              | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 175 00                            | 100                                | 10 to 15                  | 3                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ...                               | none                               | 10 to 15                  | 3                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ...                               | none                               | ...                       | 4                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                              | ...                            | ...                    | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | ...                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | ...                                | 7 50                      | 7                 | 4                         | ...          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | 90                                 | 10 00                     | 3                 | ...                       | ...          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ...                               | 225                                | 8 to 12                   | 2                 | 1                         | ...          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                              | ...                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 125 00                            | none                               | 9 00                      | 7                 | 3                         | yes          | ...                 | 25                                   | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 75 00                             | ...                                | 8 to 10                   | 4                 | 1                         | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | 33                                   | no                               | yes                            | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$        | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | ...                                | 10 to 13                  | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 55                  | ...                                  | 20                                   | no                               | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 200 00                            | 50                                 | 8 to 10                   | 6                 | 2                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | same                             | yes                            | 6                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | ...                                | 7 to 10                   | 9                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | ...                                  | 15                                   | no                               | yes                            | 4                      | 7                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ...                               | 200                                | 8 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                              | yes                            | 3                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | same                             | yes                            | 3                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 200 00                            | none                               | 9 00                      | 11                | 3                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                               | yes                            | 6                      | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ...                               | ...                                | 6 to 8                    | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                              | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |

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| CATAWBA.                |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Mason .....             | 15                     | 12                    | \$ .....       | \$ 7 50         | \$ .....         | \$ .....                 | job .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| CHATHAM.                |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick Mason .....       | 14                     | 12                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Machinist .....         | 6                      | 12                    | .....          | .....           | .....            | .....                    | job .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 5                      | 10½                   | 1 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Brick Mason .....       | 26                     | 10                    | 1 75           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Laborer .....           | 20                     | 12                    | 60             | .....           | .....            | 180 00                   | day .....                   | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Machinist .....         | 15                     | 12                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | .....                       | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Brick Mason .....       | .....                  | 12                    | 2 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | .....                  | 12                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 35                     | 12                    | 2 00           | .....           | .....            | 300 00                   | job .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Fireman .....           | 2½                     | 12                    | .....          | .....           | bd&10            | 120 00                   | .....                       | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 7                      | 12                    | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Moulder .....           | 12                     | 12                    | 75             | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 10                     | 10                    | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | month .....                 | .....                         | .....                               | .....                   |
| Laborer .....           | 20                     | 12                    | 50             | .....           | .....            | .....                    | year .....                  | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 39                     | 12                    | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Sawyer .....            | 5                      | 12                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | 450 00                   | irregular .....             | 33                            | 67                                  | .....                   |
| Lab'er (Moulder)        | 20                     | 10                    | .....          | .....           | .....            | .....                    | irregular .....             | 100                           | .....                               | .....                   |
| Pattern Maker .....     | 30                     | 10                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | month .....                 | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 12                     | .....                 | .....          | .....           | .....            | .....                    | .....                       | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| CHEROKEE.               |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick Mason .....       | 35                     | 10                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Brick Mason .....       | 20                     | 10                    | 1 80           | .....           | .....            | 129 60                   | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 10                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                    | day and job .....           | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Laborer .....           | 20                     | .....                 | 75             | 4 50            | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Painter .....           | 17                     | 10                    | .....          | .....           | .....            | .....                    | job .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 12                     | .....                 | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 468 00                   | day and job .....           | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 22                     | 12                    | 1 00           | .....           | .....            | 313 00                   | day .....                   | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Painter .....           | .....                  | 10                    | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 2                      | 10                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Machinist .....         | 12                     | 12                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | .....            | 576 00                   | quarterly .....             | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 2                      | 12                    | 1 00           | .....           | .....            | 313 00                   | day .....                   | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Brick Mason .....       | 3                      | 12                    | .....          | .....           | 26 00            | .....                    | .....                       | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Brick Mason .....       | 20                     | 10½                   | 1 25           | 6 00            | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 20                            | 80                                  | no                      |
| CHOWAN.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter .....         | 7                      | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | .....            | 450 00                   | week .....                  | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 25                     | 10                    | .....          | .....           | .....            | .....                    | irregular .....             | .....                         | .....                               | yes                     |
| Printer .....           | 9                      | 10                    | .....          | 8 00            | .....            | 400 00                   | week .....                  | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 12                     | 10                    | 1 16           | 7 00            | .....            | 364 00                   | week .....                  | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Wood Worker .....       | 20                     | 10                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 6                      | 10                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | week .....                  | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 40                     | 12                    | .....          | .....           | .....            | .....                    | week .....                  | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| CLAY.                   |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter .....         | 10                     | 10                    | 75             | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 7                      | 12                    | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | job .....                   | 100                           | .....                               | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 13                     | 10                    | 1 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                    | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 18                     | 10                    | 1 30           | 9 00            | .....            | 300 00                   | .....                       | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |



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| \$.....                           | 6 to 8                             | 4                         | 1                 | yes                       | \$.....      | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... half                        | 6 00                               | 7                         | yes               | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 6 00                        | 7                                  | 3                         | no                | 24                        | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 7 to 12                     | 1                                  | no                        | b'ds              | 25                        | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ..... 14 5 to 10                  | 10                                 | yes                       | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 4                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| 50 00 25 10 to 12                 | 1                                  | no                        | 18                | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none 30 9 00                      | 6                                  | 1                         | no                | 30                        | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | no                             | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none none 8 00                    | .....                              | yes                       | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none none 8 00                    | 5                                  | 1                         | yes               | 25                        | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 365 00 150 12 00                  | 10                                 | 1                         | yes               | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | .....                  | 6                           | 5                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ..... 9 00                        | 1                                  | no                        | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ..... 75 10 to 15                 | 1                                  | no                        | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| 300 00 none 12 00                 | .....                              | no                        | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | .....                                     |
| ..... 10 8 to 10                  | 1                                  | no                        | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 10                     | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| ..... 8 to 10                     | 1                                  | 1                         | no                | 25                        | 25           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 6 to 8                      | 10                                 | 2                         | yes               | .....                     | 10           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none none 8 00                    | 6                                  | 1                         | no                | .....                     | sme          | yes                 | 3                                    | 1                                    | .....                             | no                             | yes                    | no                          | yes                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 60                          | 2                                  | no                        | 12                | .....                     | no           | yes                 | 6                                    | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ..... 2 8 00                      | 5                                  | 1                         | yes               | .....                     | yes          | yes                 | 5                                    | 1                                    | 1                                 | no                             | yes                    | no                          | yes                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 5 to 7                      | 8                                  | 1                         | no                | .....                     | no           | yes                 | 2 1/2                                | 3                                    | 3                                 | no                             | yes                    | no                          | yes                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 8 to 12                     | 8                                  | 3                         | yes               | .....                     | no           | yes                 | 4                                    | 6                                    | 2                                 | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | .....                                     |
| 52 00 none 10 00                  | 4                                  | 2                         | no                | .....                     | yes          | yes                 | 4                                    | 1                                    | 1                                 | no                             | no                     | no                          | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 9 00                        | 1                                  | yes                       | .....             | .....                     | yes          | yes                 | 4                                    | .....                                | .....                             | no                             | yes                    | no                          | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 50 00 20 9 00                     | 9                                  | 1                         | no                | 18                        | .....        | yes                 | yes                                  | 3                                    | 5                                 | .....                          | no                     | no                          | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 160 8 to 12                 | 1                                  | no                        | 24                | 25                        | .....        | yes                 | yes                                  | 3                                    | .....                             | no                             | no                     | no                          | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none 30 8 to 10                   | 2                                  | 1                         | yes               | .....                     | yes          | yes                 | 4                                    | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | no                     | yes                         | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 50 00 75 8 to 12                  | 8                                  | 2                         | no                | 60                        | 50           | no                  | yes                                  | 3                                    | 5                                 | 3                              | no                     | no                          | yes                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ..... 10 00                       | 1                                  | 1                         | no                | 25                        | .....        | yes                 | yes                                  | 6                                    | .....                             | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | .....                          | .....                                     |
| ..... 17 10 to 12                 | 1                                  | no                        | .....             | .....                     | yes          | yes                 | 3                                    | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | no                     | yes                         | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 10 00                       | .....                              | no                        | .....             | .....                     | no           | yes                 | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 8 to 10                     | 2                                  | 1                         | yes               | .....                     | yes          | yes                 | 5                                    | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | no                     | yes                         | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 8 to 12                     | 2                                  | 1                         | yes               | .....                     | yes          | yes                 | 5                                    | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | no                     | yes                         | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 4                           | 1                                  | yes                       | .....             | .....                     | no           | yes                 | 1                                    | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | no                     | yes                         | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... none 15 00                  | 1                                  | no                        | .....             | 25                        | .....        | yes                 | yes                                  | 5                                    | .....                             | no                             | no                     | no                          | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none 15 00                        | 4                                  | 1                         | yes               | .....                     | no           | yes                 | 5                                    | 1                                    | 1                                 | no                             | no                     | yes                         | no                       | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| ..... none 12 00                  | 6                                  | 2                         | no                | b'ds                      | 5            | 25                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | 4                                 | 2                              | 1                      | yes                         | yes                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 100 12 00                   | 1                                  | no                        | 60                | .....                     | no           | yes                 | 5                                    | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | yes                    | no                          | yes                      | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| none 30 12 00                     | 1                                  | 1                         | yes               | b'ds                      | 10           | yes                 | yes                                  | 5                                    | .....                             | yes                            | yes                    | no                          | yes                      | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none 30 12 00                     | 4                                  | 1                         | yes               | 9                         | .....        | yes                 | yes                                  | 5                                    | 1                                 | 1                              | no                     | yes                         | no                       | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none 12 00                        | 3                                  | 1                         | no                | 40                        | .....        | no                  | yes                                  | 9                                    | 1                                 | 1                              | no                     | yes                         | no                       | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 75 6 00                     | 7                                  | 3                         | no                | .....                     | 25           | no                  | yes                                  | .....                                | 5                                 | 5                              | .....                  | no                          | no                       | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| farm 60 4 to 8                    | 5                                  | 1                         | yes               | .....                     | .....        | yes                 | yes                                  | 3                                    | 2                                 | 2                              | no                     | no                          | no                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ..... 5 to 10                     | 8                                  | 3                         | yes               | .....                     | 50           | no                  | yes                                  | 4                                    | 4                                 | 4                              | no                     | no                          | yes                      | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |
| ..... none 7 00                   | 2                                  | 1                         | no                | 30                        | .....        | yes                 | yes                                  | 3                                    | .....                             | no                             | yes                    | no                          | yes                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |

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| OCCUPATION BY<br>COUNTIES. | Years worked<br>at trade. | Hours<br>worked<br>per day. | Wages per<br>day. | Wages per<br>week. | Wages per<br>month. | Total Earnings<br>per year. | Paid by day, week<br>or month. | Per cent. wages<br>paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid<br>in store orders. | Trade where you<br>choose. |
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| CLEVELAND.                 |                           |                             |                   |                    |                     |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Painter                    | 6                         | 11                          | \$ 1 50           | \$ 9 00            | \$                  | \$                          | contract                       | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Harness Maker              | 11                        | 10                          |                   |                    |                     | 245 00                      | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Printer                    |                           | 10                          | 1 00              | 6 00               | 24 00               | 288 00                      | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Millwright                 | 9                         | 12                          | 2 00              |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 25                               | 75                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 7                         | 12                          | 1 50              | 9 00               |                     |                             | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Blacksmith                 | 8                         | 12                          | 1 25              | 7 50               |                     |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Gunsmith                   | 34                        | 10                          | 1 50              |                    |                     |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 20                        | 10                          | 1 25              |                    |                     |                             | job                            | 75                               | 25                                     | yes                        |
| COLUMBUS.                  |                           |                             |                   |                    |                     |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter                  | 30                        | 12                          | 1 50              | 9 00               |                     |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 8                         | 12                          | 1 50              |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 17                        |                             |                   |                    |                     |                             |                                |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 30                        | 10                          | 2 00              |                    |                     |                             | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Mechanic                   | 20                        | 10                          | 1 50              |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Sawyer                     | 3                         | 12                          | 1 00              | 6 00               |                     | 312 00                      | month                          | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Brick Mason                | 7                         | 12                          | 1 50              |                    |                     |                             | job                            | 33                               | 67                                     | yes                        |
| Brick Mason                | 10                        |                             | 1 50              | 9 00               |                     |                             | day                            | 67                               | 33                                     | no                         |
| Blacksmith                 | 10                        | 12                          | 2 00              |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| Brick Mason                | 43                        |                             | 1 00              |                    |                     |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Mechanic                   | 20                        | 10                          |                   |                    |                     | 300 00                      |                                | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Laborer                    |                           | 10                          | 60                |                    |                     |                             | day                            |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Mechanic                   | 10                        | 10                          |                   |                    |                     | 172 00                      | month                          |                                  | 100                                    | no                         |
| Printer                    | 20                        | 12                          | 1 00              |                    |                     |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 16                        | 12                          |                   |                    |                     | 200 00                      |                                |                                  | 100                                    |                            |
| CRAVEN.                    |                           |                             |                   |                    |                     |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Machinist                  | 6                         | 10                          | 1 30              |                    |                     |                             | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 17                        | 10                          | 2 50              |                    |                     | 785 00                      | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 6                         | 10                          | 1 25              |                    |                     | 390 00                      | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Brick Mason                | 33                        | 10                          | 2 00              |                    |                     | 250 00                      | week                           | 60                               | 40                                     | yes                        |
| Tinner                     | 9                         | 10                          | 1 50              |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Fireman                    | 2                         | 10                          | 87                |                    |                     |                             | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Engineer                   | 11                        | 10                          |                   | 12 50              |                     |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Moulder                    | 12                        | 10                          | 2 25              |                    |                     |                             | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 12                        | 10                          | 2 25              |                    |                     |                             | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 10                        | 10                          | 1 00              |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Sawyer                     | 26                        | 10                          | 2 50              |                    |                     | 700 00                      | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 45                        | 10                          | 1 35              |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 60                        | 10                          | 2 00              |                    |                     | 600 00                      | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 25                        | 10                          | 2 00              |                    |                     |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 11                        | 10                          | 2 50              |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| CUMBERLAND.                |                           |                             |                   |                    |                     |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter, &c.             | 25                        | 10                          | 1 50              |                    |                     |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Painter                    | 12                        | 10                          | 1 50              | 9 00               |                     | 350 00                      | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Harness Maker              | 25                        | 10                          |                   | 10 50              |                     |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 40                        | 11                          | 2 25              |                    |                     | 600 00                      | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Wagon Maker                | 23                        | 10                          | 1 75              |                    |                     |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| a borer                    | 18                        | 12                          | 50                |                    |                     |                             | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Painter                    | 26                        | 10                          |                   |                    |                     |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Paper Hanger               | 26                        | 10                          |                   |                    |                     |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |



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| \$ 65                             | 8 to 10                            | 2                         | 1                 | no                        | \$ 60        | 4                   | yes                                 | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | ---                                | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 7 to 9                             | 4                         | 1                 | no                        | 12           | 3                   | yes                                 | no                                  | yes                               | no                             | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 4 10 00                            | ---                       | ---               | ---                       | ---          | 25                  | yes                                 | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| 100 00                            | 6 to 9                             | 3                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | yes                                | no                             | ---                                       |
| ---                               | 75 8 00                            | 4                         | 1                 | no                        | 48           | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 8 00                               | 4                         | 1                 | no                        | 36           | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 6 00                               | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 5 to 6                             | 8                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 5                        | ---                                | ---                            | ---                                       |
| 300 00                            | 7 to 10                            | 6                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | sme                                 | no                                  | no                                | no                             | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | ---                                | ---                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 6 00                               | 8                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | ---                                 | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 9 00                               | ---                       | ---               | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | ---                                 | yes                                 | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | yes                            | ---                                       |
| none                              | 6 00                               | 6                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 3                                 | 4                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | ---                                | yes                            | ---                                       |
| ---                               | 8 00                               | 8                         | 1                 | no                        | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 3                                 | 3                              | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 8 00                               | 5                         | ---               | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | no                                  | ---                               | 1                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 8 00                               | 7                         | ---               | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | ---                               | 1                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 100 8 to 10                        | 6                         | ---               | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | sme                                 | no                                  | ---                               | 1                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| little                            | 6 to 10                            | 8                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | no                                  | ---                               | 6                              | 1                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 150 8 to 10                        | 3                         | 1                 | no                        | 30           | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | ---                               | 1                              | 1                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | 8 00                               | 2                         | 1                 | ---                       | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | ---                               | 8                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | ---                                       |
| ---                               | 8 to 10                            | 5                         | 1                 | no                        | 24           | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | ---                               | 2                              | 1                      | 1                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | ---                                       |
| ---                               | 90 12 00                           | 1                         | 1                 | no                        | 12           | ---                 | sme                                 | no                                  | ---                               | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | yes                                | ---                            | ---                                       |
| 100 00                            | 25 8 00                            | 8                         | 1                 | no                        | ---          | ---                 | sme                                 | yes                                 | 1                                 | 6                              | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | ---                                       |
| none                              | 100 12 00                          | 1                         | 1                 | no                        | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 9                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 to 15                           | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | 10                  | no                                  | yes                                 | 9                                 | 1                              | 1                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 35 00                             | 8 to 15                            | 4                         | ---               | no                        | 60           | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | 9                                 | 1                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 50 00                             | 100 10 00                          | 8                         | 2                 | yes                       | ---          | 20                  | no                                  | yes                                 | 6                                 | 6                              | 6                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | 16 12 00                           | 2                         | 1                 | no                        | 60           | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 6                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | 1 12 00                            | 2                         | 1                 | no                        | 60           | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 6                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | none 12 to 15                      | ---                       | ---               | yes                       | 28           | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | 9                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | yes                                | no                             | ---                                       |
| ---                               | none 10 to 20                      | 1                         | ---               | no                        | b'ds 12      | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 9                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | none 8 00                          | 1                         | ---               | no                        | b'ds 12      | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 9                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 12 to 15                           | 2                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 13                                | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 15 00                              | 5                         | ---               | no                        | ---          | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | 9                                 | 2                              | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 50 10 to 12                        | 3                         | 1                 | no                        | 48           | ---                 | sme                                 | yes                                 | 4                                 | 1                              | 1                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 200 10 to 15                       | 10                        | 2                 | no                        | 120          | ---                 | sme                                 | yes                                 | 8                                 | 4                              | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 150 10 to 15                       | ---                       | ---               | no                        | 30           | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 8                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 12 00                              | 5                         | 1                 | no                        | 120          | ---                 | sme                                 | yes                                 | ---                               | 1                              | 1                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | ---                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 60                                 | ---                       | ---               | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | ---                                 | yes                                 | 9                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | ---                                | ---                            | ---                                       |
| 150 00                            | none 8 00                          | 9                         | ---               | no                        | 24           | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | 6                                 | 2                              | 3                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | ---                                       |
| ---                               | 100 10 to 12                       | 5                         | 3                 | no                        | 60           | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 8                                 | 3                              | 3                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none 15 00                         | 1                         | 1                 | no                        | b'ds         | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 8                                 | ---                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 15 to 17                           | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       | ---          | ---                 | sme                                 | no                                  | 8                                 | 1                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |
| 20 00                             | none 12 to 20                      | 7                         | 3                 | no                        | ---          | ---                 | yes                                 | yes                                 | 3                                 | 3                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 125 6 to 8                         | 7                         | 2                 | no                        | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 9                                 | 3                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 12 00                              | 7                         | 1                 | no                        | ---          | ---                 | no                                  | yes                                 | 9                                 | 3                              | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |

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| CUMBERLAND.                |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                             |
| Sawyer .....               | 6                         | ---                      | \$             | \$              | \$               | 300 00                      | month                          | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Millwright .....           | 64                        | 10                       | 3 00           | ---             | ---              | 600 00                      | job                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| CURRITUCK.                 |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                             |
| Carpenter .....            | 10                        | 12                       | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Blacksmith .....           | 17                        | 12                       | ---            | ---             | ---              | ---                         | job                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| DAVIE.                     |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                             |
| Plasterer .....            | 20                        | 10                       | 2 50           | ---             | ---              | 150 00                      | day and job                    | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Brick Mason .....          | 20                        | 10                       | 2 50           | ---             | ---              | 150 00                      | day and job                    | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 8                         | 11                       | 1 25           | ---             | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Blacksmith .....           | 18                        | 10                       | 1 00           | ---             | 26 00            | 313 00                      | job                            | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                         |
| Cabinet Maker .....        | 8                         | 10                       | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                         | week                           | 50                               | 50                                     | no                          |
| Coppersmith .....          | 7                         | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Brick Mason .....          | 8                         | 12                       | 2 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                         | week                           | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 30                        | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | 36 00            | 432 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| DAVIDSON.                  |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                             |
| Brick Mason .....          | 40                        | ---                      | ---            | ---             | ---              | ---                         | job                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Wagon Maker .....          | 30                        | ---                      | ---            | ---             | ---              | ---                         | ---                            | ---                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Printer .....              | 7                         | 10                       | ---            | ---             | 33 00            | 376 00                      | month                          | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Brick Mason .....          | 34                        | 12                       | 2 50           | ---             | ---              | 300 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Moulder .....              | 30                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | ---              | 550 00                      | week                           | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Wagon Maker .....          | 22                        | 10                       | 86             | ---             | ---              | ---                         | week                           | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Mechanic .....             | 5                         | 11                       | 66             | 4 00            | ---              | 200 00                      | week                           | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Tinner .....               | 25                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ---              | ---                         | job                            | ---                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 35                        | 10                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | ---              | 360 00                      | week                           | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                         |
| DARE.                      |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                             |
| Fisherman .....            | 42                        | ---                      | ---            | ---             | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Mechanic .....             | 23                        | 10                       | 1 25           | ---             | ---              | 250 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Brick Mason .....          | 30                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | ---              | 225 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 25                        | 11                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | ---              | 223 00                      | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                         |
| Carpenter, &c. ....        | 25                        | ---                      | ---            | ---             | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 20                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 10 00           | ---              | 500 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Mechanic .....             | 6                         | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ---              | 300 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| DUPLIN.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                             |
| Blacksmith .....           | 17                        | 10                       | 1 00           | ---             | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 25                               | 75                                     | yes                         |
| Mechanic .....             | 30                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | ---              | ---                         | week                           | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 22                        | 10                       | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 25                               | 75                                     | yes                         |
| Blacksmith .....           | 22                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 40                               | 60                                     | yes                         |
| Wheelwright .....          | ---                       | 10                       | 1 50           | ---             | 36 00            | ---                         | job                            | ---                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Mechanic .....             | 12                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | ---              | ---                         | week                           | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Mechanic .....             | 30                        | 10                       | 2 50           | ---             | ---              | ---                         | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Sawyer .....               | 30                        | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ---              | 300 00                      | ---                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 20                        | 12                       | 2 00           | ---             | ---              | 500 00                      | ---                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Coppersmith .....          | 30                        | 12                       | ---            | ---             | ---              | ---                         | ---                            | ---                              | ---                                    | ---                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 25                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ---              | 450 00                      | day                            | 25                               | 75                                     | yes                         |
| Blacksmith .....           | 15                        | 8                        | 1 25           | ---             | ---              | 400 00                      | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                         |
| Wheelwright .....          | 15                        | 8                        | 2 00           | ---             | ---              | 400 00                      | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                         |
| Painter .....              | 30                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ---              | ---                         | job                            | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 10                        | 10                       | 1 50           | ---             | ---              | 300 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ---                                    | yes                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 25                        | ---                      | 1 50           | 9 00            | 36 00            | 430 00                      | job                            | 25                               | 75                                     | no                          |



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| Earnings of all others in family. | Days unable to get work past year. | Price of board per month. | Number in family. | Number working for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Per cent. wages increased past year. | Per cent. wages decreased past year. | Live better than three years ago. | Public School in neighborhood. | Months open past year. | Number children school age. | Number attending school. | Any apprentice rule in your trade. | Accumulate anything past year. | Run in debt past year. | for living expenses |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| \$.....                           | .....                              | \$12 00                   | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | \$.....             | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| none                              | none                               | 12 00                     | 1                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 60                                 | 8 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | no                             | .....                  | 1                           | .....                    | yes                                | .....                          | no                     |                     |
| none                              | .....                              | 12 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 75                  | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| none                              | 240                                | 8 00                      | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 30                  | .....                                | 50                                   | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | 6                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| none                              | 240                                | 8 00                      | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 30                  | .....                                | 50                                   | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 150                                | 8 00                      | .....             | .....                     | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$        | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| none                              | none                               | 7 to 8                    | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | no                             | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| none                              | 150                                | 6 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 18                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 8 to 10                            | .....                     | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$        | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | .....                  |                     |
| .....                             | 8 00                               | .....                     | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 90                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| .....                             | 8 00                               | .....                     | 7                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 8 to 12                            | .....                     | .....             | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 8 to 12                            | .....                     | 7                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| .....                             | 8 to 15                            | .....                     | .....             | .....                     | no           | .....               | 10                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | .....                  |                     |
| .....                             | 6 to 8                             | .....                     | 9                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| none                              | none                               | 10 to 12                  | 4                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 12                                   | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                     |                     |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 9                    | 6                 | 1                         | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                     |                     |
| none                              | none                               | 7 to 8                    | 5                 | .....                     | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| .....                             | 10 00                              | .....                     | 4                 | 2                         | no           | 75                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | .....                  |                     |
| .....                             | 75                                 | 10 00                     | 3                 | .....                     | no           | 60                  | .....                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| .....                             | .....                              | 6 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | .....                          | .....                  |                     |
| 60 00                             | 150                                | 7 00                      | 3                 | 3                         | yes          | .....               | 25                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | .....                    | .....                              | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| 125 00                            | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 3                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| 100 00                            | .....                              | 5 to 7                    | 10                | 3                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 5                           | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | .....                  |                     |
| .....                             | 150                                | 12 00                     | 3                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | 20                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| 150 00                            | .....                              | 10 00                     | 7                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | 10                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 5                           | 5                        | yes                                | no                             | no                     |                     |
| none                              | 10                                 | 5 to 8                    | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 22                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | no                             | .....                  | 3                           | 3                        | .....                              | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 7                    | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 10                     | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| 75 00                             | .....                              | 6 00                      | 7                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | .....                              | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| 40 00                             | .....                              | 8 to 12                   | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 10                     | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| 40 00                             | .....                              | 8 to 12                   | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 10                     | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | .....                          | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 8 to 12                            | .....                     | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 10                     | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| none                              | .....                              | 6 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 6 to 10                            | .....                     | 9                 | 2                         | no           | 18                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | no                             | .....                  | 7                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| none                              | .....                              | 6 to 8                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 25                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 8 00                               | .....                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 7 to 8                             | .....                     | 7                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 8 00                               | .....                     | 5                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 33                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | 2                        | .....                              | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| .....                             | none                               | 8 00                      | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | 20                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 150                                | 10 00                     | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 150                                | 10 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 13                                   | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                     |                     |
| .....                             | 6 to 8                             | .....                     | 4                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | no                             | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                    |                     |
| 100 00                            | 75                                 | 12 00                     | 11                | .....                     | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | .....                          | no                     |                     |

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| <b>DUPLIN.</b>             |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Mechanic .....             | 10                        | 10                       | \$ 1 00        | \$ 6 00         | \$ .....         | \$ 260 00                   | day .....                      | 10                               | 90                                     | no                         |
| Mechanic .....             | 25                        | 10                       | 75             | 4 50            | .....            | .....                       | .....                          | 25                               | 75                                     | yes                        |
| <b>DURHAM.</b>             |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Brick Mason .....          | 25                        | 10                       | 2 50           | .....           | .....            | 720 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 15                        | 10                       | 1 40           | 8 40            | .....            | 403 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason .....          | 11                        | 10                       | 2 50           | .....           | 60 00            | 720 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Machinist .....            | 10                        | 10                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 8                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 475 00                      | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 11                        | 10                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | .....            | 390 00                      | day .....                      | 190                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 15                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 468 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason .....          | 12                        | 10                       | 2 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | semi-mon .....                 | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 10                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 4                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Stone Cutter .....         | 7                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Moulder .....              | 31                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | .....            | 312 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Rock Mason .....           | 5                         | 10                       | 1 25           | 5 00            | .....            | 400 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason .....          | 10                        | 10                       | 2 50           | 15 00           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Machinist .....            | 9                         | 10                       | 3 00           | 18 00           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | .....                     | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Bricklayer .....           | 8                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| <b>EDGECOMBE.</b>          |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Printer .....              | 2                         | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | .....            | 312 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Laborer .....              | 25                        | 12                       | 75             | 4 50            | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 7                         | 10                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Sup't Oil Mill .....       | 2                         | 12                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 10                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 16                        | 10                       | .....          | 5 00            | 20 00            | 240 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Moulder .....              | 14                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | 26 00            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 3                         | 10                       | 1 23           | 8 00            | .....            | 416 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 24                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | 26 00            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| <b>FORSYTH.</b>            |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Machinist .....            | 6                         | 10                       | 1 75           | 10 50           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Plasterer .....            | 4                         | 11                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 33                        | 12                       | .....          | .....           | 40 00            | .....                       | semi-mon .....                 | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 33                        | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | 39 00            | 438 00                      | .....                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 34                        | 11                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 15                        | 10                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 2                         | 10                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | 324 00                      | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 13                        | 11                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | .....            | 197 00                      | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Machinist .....            | 7                         | 12                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 7                         | 10                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Marble Worker .....        | 5                         | 10                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick Mason .....          | 5                         | 12                       | 2 25           | 13 50           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 30                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 9                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 468 00                      | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 8                         | 10                       | 1 80           | 11 10           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 15                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | 432 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 10                        | 11                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | 300 00                      | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Machinist .....            | 7                         | 10                       | .....          | 12 00           | .....            | 600 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |



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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| none                              | 40                                 | \$.....                   | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | \$.....             | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 6                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| \$..... none                      | 6 00                               | 11                        | 2                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 10to15                             | 2                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 90 10 00                           | 4                         | 1                 | no                        | 60           | 10                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 190 10to12                         | 3                         | 1                 | no                        | 75           | 25                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | .....                          | yes                                       |
| none                              | none 10to12                        | 3                         | 1                 | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | .....                          | no                                        |
| .....                             | 12to15                             | 1                         | .....             | no                        | .....        | 25                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 20 10 00                           | 3                         | 1                 | no                        | 72           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | yes                                       |
| 100 00                            | 150 10to12                         | 2                         | 2                 | no                        | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 180 12to15                         | 2                         | 1                 | no                        | 36           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 60 8 to 12                         | 7                         | 1                 | no                        | 100          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 75 10to12                          | 1                         | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 100 12 00                          | 7                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | 10                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 100 10 00                          | 1                         | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 7                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 130 10 00                          | 5                         | 1                 | no                        | 30           | 25                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 190 10 00                          | 2                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none 10to15                        | 4                         | .....             | no                        | 100          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | .....                          | no                                        |
| none                              | 20                                 | 5                         | 1                 | no                        | 100          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | 2                        | yes                                | no                             | .....                                     |
| none                              | 100 10to12                         | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | 10                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 40 12to20                          | .....                     | .....             | no                        | 100          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 12 00                              | 3                         | .....             | yes                       | .....        | 25                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 10                     | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none 10to12                        | 3                         | 1                 | no                        | free         | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 10 00                              | 5                         | 1                 | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | .....                          | .....                  | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 210 00                            | 140 10to12                         | 12                        | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | 50                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | 9                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | few 10to12                         | .....                     | .....             | yes                       | .....        | 100                 | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 10                     | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 150 10to12                         | 2                         | 1                 | no                        | 36           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |
| none                              | 10to12                             | .....                     | .....             | no                        | .....        | 10                  | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | .....                                     |
| .....                             | 10to12                             | .....                     | .....             | no                        | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none 12 00                         | 4                         | 1                 | no                        | 72           | 16                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 10to12                             | 7                         | 3                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 225 00                            | 60 8 00                            | 8                         | 5                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 300 00                            | none 8 00                          | 6                         | .....             | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 7                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 60 12to15                          | 4                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none 8 to 15                       | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | 5                   | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 6 10to12                           | 4                         | 1                 | no                        | 60           | 25                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 100 10to12                         | 1                         | 1                 | .....                     | 6            | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 8 to 10                            | 1                         | 1                 | no                        | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | .....                              | 1                         | 1                 | no                        | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 350 00                            | none 8 to 10                       | 3                         | 3                 | yes                       | .....        | 25                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 10to12                          | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | .....                          | 6                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 10to12                             | 2                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none 8 to 10                       | 1                         | .....             | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 7                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 30 8 00                            | 7                         | 1                 | yes                       | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | .....                          | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 90 10to12                          | 2                         | 1                 | yes                       | 100          | .....               | 50                                   | no                                   | no                                | .....                          | 9                      | 2                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 77 10 00                           | 4                         | 1                 | yes                       | 96           | 25                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | .....                                     |
| .....                             | 40 10 00                           | 1                         | .....             | no                        | .....        | 33                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |

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| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| FORSYTH.                |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Cabinet Maker.          | 11                     | 8                     | \$             | -----           | \$               | \$                       | -----                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| FRANKLIN.               |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 25                     | 11                    | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | 312 00                   | irregular                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Machinist               | -----                  | -----                 | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                    | job                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Miller                  | -----                  | -----                 | -----          | 6. 00           | -----            | -----                    | toll                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | job                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Stone Mason             | 9                      | 12                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| GASTON.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 5                      | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 429 00                   | day                         | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 12                     | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 225 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Stone Cutter            | 25                     | 12                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | 300 00                   | day                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Stone Mason             | 3                      | 12                    | 1 25           | 7 50            | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Brick Mason             | 15                     | 12                    | 2 50           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week & job                  | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Plasterer               | 15                     | 12                    | 2 50           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | -----                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 25                     | 10                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week                        | -----                         | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 10                     | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 21                     | 10                    | 1 50           | -----           | -----            | 432 00                   | -----                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 3                      | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            | -----            | 313 00                   | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| GATES.                  |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick Mason             | 8                      | 10                    | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 40                     | 10                    | -----          | 9 00            | 36 00            | -----                    | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 25                     | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | -----                    | job                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 12                     | 12                    | 1 25           | 7 50            | 30 00            | 420 00                   | month                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Sawyer                  | 4                      | 12                    | -----          | 8 71            | 35 00            | 420 00                   | month                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 40                     | 12                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | 500 00                   | job                         | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 5                      | 11                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | month                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carriage Maker          | 15                     | 12                    | 1 25           | 7 50            | 32 50            | 390 00                   | month                       | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Blacksmith              | 28                     | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | -----                       | ---                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| GRAHAM.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Mechanic                | 25                     | 11                    | 75             | -----           | 15 00            | -----                    | day                         | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 6                      | -----                 | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Millwright              | -----                  | -----                 | -----          | 12 00           | -----            | -----                    | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 17                     | 12                    | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| GRANVILLE.              |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Engineer                | 19                     | 10                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Machinist               | -----                  | 10                    | 2 50           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 8                      | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | -----            | 400 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Plasterer               | 8                      | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | -----            | 400 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 20                     | 12                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                    | job                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 24                     | 10                    | 1 75           | 10 50           | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 18                     | 10                    | 2 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 28                     | 10                    | 1 65           | 9 90            | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 40                     | 10                    | 1 75           | -----           | -----            | 300 00                   | week                        | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 14                     | 10                    | 1 75           | 10 50           | 45 00            | 550 00                   | month                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| GREENE.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 15                     | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | 220 00                   | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 16                     | 10                    | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | 350 00                   | day                         | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 10                     | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week                        | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             | app                    | 11                    | -----          | -----           | 14 00            | -----                    | year                        | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |



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| \$.....                           | 20                                 | 10to12                    | 3                 | ---                       | yes          | \$.....             | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 7                 | 1                         | no           | free                | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 3                        | ---                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 8                    | ---               | 1                         | no           | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | ---                                | ---                            | ---                                      |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 8                    | ---               | 1                         | no           | free                | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | ---                                | ---                            | ---                                      |
| none                              | 100                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | ---                       | ---          | 60                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 2                        | ---                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| none                              | 75                                 | 7 50                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | 36                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | 26                                 | 8 to 10                   | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | 50                                 | 10to12                    | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | ---                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 15                                   | no                                | no                             | ---                    | 3                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | 90                                 | 9 to 10                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | mn y                               | 10to15                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 10                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | mn y                               | 10to12                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | ---                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | ---                       | no           | 66                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | ---                            | ---                    | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 100                                | 8 to 12                   | 8                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 165                                | 8 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 50                                 | 9 to 12                   | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | no                             | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                      |
| -----                             | none                               | 10to12                    | 10                | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | 40                                   | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 7                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| none                              | 100                                | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| 1,000                             | ---                                | 9 00                      | 10                | 2                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 6                           | 6                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | none                               | 10to12                    | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| -----                             | ---                                | 10 00                     | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| -----                             | ---                                | 10to12                    | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 15                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| none                              | none                               | 10to15                    | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| 72 00                             | 8                                  | 10to12                    | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 18½                 | ---                                  | 10                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| -----                             | ---                                | 6 to 7                    | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 5                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | none                               | 5 00                      | 6                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | ---                                | 8 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | ---                      | yes                                | yes                            | yes                                      |
| -----                             | ---                                | 8 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| -----                             | ---                                | ---                       | 6                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 1                      | 1                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 150                                | 12 00                     | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| none                              | 150                                | 12 00                     | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            | yes                                      |
| 400 00                            | 150                                | 10to12                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 20                                   | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| 400 00                            | 150                                | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| 60 00                             | ---                                | 12 00                     | 5                 | 2                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 10                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | ---                                      |
| 50 00                             | 100                                | 10to12                    | 8                 | 2                         | no           | 100                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| none                              | 60                                 | 12to15                    | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 75                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | ---                                | 10 00                     | 4                 | 3                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| none                              | 100                                | 10 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | no           | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 150                                | 10 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 10                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| -----                             | ---                                | 6 to 8                    | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 25                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | ---                                | ---                            | no                                       |
| 50 00                             | none                               | 5 to 8                    | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | 10                                   | ---                                  | no                                | no                             | ---                    | 6                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| 25 00                             | 60                                 | 10to12                    | 4                 | 1                         | no           | free                | ---                                  | 25                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | ---                                      |
| -----                             | none                               | 10to12                    | 4                 | 1                         | no           | free                | 20                                   | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY<br>COUNTIES. | Years worked<br>at trade. | Hours worked<br>per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings<br>per year. | Paid by day, week<br>or month. | Per cent. wages<br>paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid<br>in store orders. | Trade where you<br>choose. |
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| GREENE.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Brick Mason                | 17                        |                          | \$ 1 50        | \$ 9 00         | \$36 00          | \$.....                     | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | part                       |
| GUILFORD.                  |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Machinist                  | 16                        | 9                        | 1 62           |                 |                  | 500 00                      | semi-mon                       | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 24                        | 10                       | 1 25           |                 | 32 50            | 400 00                      | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Engineer                   | 30                        | 11                       | 75             | 4 50            |                  | 220 00                      | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Printer                    | 30                        | 10                       | 2 00           |                 |                  | 600 00                      | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 10                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Harness Maker              | 10                        |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter                  | 10                        | 10                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Moulder                    | 24                        | 10                       | 2 50           |                 |                  | 500 00                      | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Moulder                    | 15                        | 9                        | 2 50           | 15 00           |                  | 600 00                      | semi-mon                       | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Harness Maker              | 16                        | 10                       |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Machinist                  | 34                        | 9                        | 1 12           | 6 75            |                  |                             | semi-mon                       | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Mechanic                   | 8                         | 10                       | 1 00           |                 |                  |                             | week                           |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| Wagon Maker                | 19                        | 10                       | 1 25           |                 | 32 00            | 420 00                      | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Painter                    | 10                        | 10                       | 1 25           | 7 50            |                  |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Stone Mason                | 15                        | 10½                      | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Painter                    | 20                        | 10                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Paper Hanger               |                           | 10                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 30                        | 12                       |                |                 |                  |                             | job                            |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 12                        | 10                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 11                        | 9                        | 1 57           |                 |                  | 475 00                      | semi-mon                       | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| HALIFAX.                   |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Printer                    | 5                         | 10                       |                |                 | 25 00            |                             | month                          | 50                               | 50                                     |                            |
| Painter                    | 20                        | 10                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 75                               | 25                                     | yes                        |
| Bookkeeper                 | 7                         | 10                       | 1 04           | 6 25            |                  | 324 00                      | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Stone Mason                | 30                        | 12                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 30                        | 10                       | 35             | 2 50            | 9 00             | 80 00                       | appr                           | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Carpenter                  | 11                        | 10                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| HARNETT.                   |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Millwright                 | 20                        | 10                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Laborer                    | 2                         | 10                       | 50             |                 | 10 00            | 108 00                      | month                          | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 41                        | 10                       | 3 00           |                 |                  | 916 00                      | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Millwright                 |                           | 10                       | 3 00           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Miller                     | 3                         | 12                       |                |                 | 14 00            | 200 00                      | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Brick Mason                | 26                        | 12                       | 2 00           |                 | 52 00            | 500 00                      | day                            | 33                               | 67                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 10                        |                          | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Sawyer                     | 10                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Millwright                 | 10                        | 12                       | 3 00           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| HAYWOOD.                   |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Wheelwright                | 40                        | 10½                      |                |                 |                  | 300 00                      | job                            |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| Plasterer                  | 8                         | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  | 400 00                      | day                            | 33                               | 67                                     | no                         |
| Brick Mason                | 8                         | 10                       | 3 00           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 90                               | 10                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 21                        | 10                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 33                               | 67                                     | no                         |
| Painter                    | 2                         |                          |                |                 |                  |                             | week                           | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Blacksmith                 | 30                        | 10                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 25                               | 75                                     | no                         |
| Mechanic                   | 14                        | 11                       | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  | 400 00                      | day                            | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| Wagon Maker                | 15                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | 26 00            |                             | day                            | 33                               | 67                                     | yes                        |



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| Earnings of all others in family. | Days unable to get work past year. | Price of board per month. | Number in family. | Number working for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Per cent. wages increased past year. | Per cent. wages decreased past year. | Live better than three years ago. | Public School in neighborhood. | Months open past year. | Number children school age. | Number attending school. | Any apprentice rule in your trade. | Accumulate anything past year. | Run in debt past year for living expenses |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| none                              | 150                                | 8 to 10                   | 3                 | 1                         | no           | free                |                                      | 10                                   | no                                |                                | 2                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 8 00                      | 8                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 10 to 20                  | 5                 | 4                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | 3                           |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 8 to 16                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           |                          | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | none                               | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 10 to 12                  | 5                 | 2                         | no           | 100                 |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 500 00                            | 90                                 | 8 to 15                   | 3                 | 1                         | no           |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                |                                | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 to 12                           | 15 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 |                                | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 10 00                     | 1                 |                           | no           |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      |                             |                          | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 10 00                     | 3                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 5                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 30                                 | 10 to 12                  | 8                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 10 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      | 16                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 150                                | 8 to 10                   | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 18                  |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            |                        | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 150                                | 9 00                      | 6                 | 2                         | no           |                     |                                      | 50                                   | no                                | yes                            |                        | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 30                                 | 8 00                      | 5                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      | 50                                   | no                                | yes                            |                        | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 18                                 | 10 to 15                  | 3                 | 1                         | yes          |                     | 3                                    |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 to 12                           | 10 to 12                  | 3                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      | 10                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             |                                           |
| 150 00                            | 100                                | 10 00                     | 3                 | 2                         | yes          | free                |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| 60 00                             | none                               | 15 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 100                 | 6                                    |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 5                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 10 00                     | 8                 |                           | yes          | 35                  |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 5 to 10                            | 10 00                     | 6                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      | 10                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 60                                 | 10 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 64                  |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            |                        | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 100 00                            | none                               | 8 00                      | 6                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 80                                 | 5 to 6                    | 3                 | 2                         | yes          |                     | 10                                   |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 to 15                           | 10 to 15                  | 10                | 7                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 8                           | 5                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 to 15                           | 10 to 15                  | 10                | 7                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 8                           | 5                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 7 00                               | 5                         |                   |                           | no           | free                |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 500 00                            | 60                                 | 12 00                     | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  |                                      | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      |                             |                          | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| 500 00                            | 150                                | 8 00                      | 11                |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| 500 00                            | 150                                | 8 00                      | 11                |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 10 00                     | 7                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            |                        | 1                           |                          | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 10 00                     | 7                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            |                        | 1                           |                          | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 20 00                             | 10 to 15                           | 10 to 15                  | 1                 |                           | no           | 36                  |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 5                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 75                                | 15                                 | 8 to 10                   | 4                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      | 50                                   | no                                | yes                            | 7                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 40                                | 12 00                              | 10 to 12                  | 4                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            |                                           |
| 150 00                            | 90                                 | 10 to 12                  | 5                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      | 20                                   | no                                | yes                            |                        | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 25 00                             | 10 to 12                           | 10 to 12                  | 3                 | 2                         | no           | 48                  |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 150 00                            | 50                                 | 10 00                     | 9                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 6                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 150 00                            | 50                                 | 6 to 10                   | 5                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            |                                           |
| 150 00                            | 6 to 8                             | 6 to 8                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2½                     | 5                           | 4                        | yes                                | yes                            |                                           |

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
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| <b>HENDERSON.</b>       |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Lumberman               | 2                      | 10                    | \$             | \$              | \$               | \$ 900 00                |                             | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Plasterer               | 9                      | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  | 400 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 16                     |                       |                | 12 00           |                  | 500 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 16                     |                       |                | 5 00            |                  |                          | irregular                   | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Sawyer                  | 11                     | 10                    | 60             | 3 60            |                  | 187 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 7                      | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>HERTFORD.</b>        |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 30                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             | 15                     | 10                    |                |                 |                  | 400 00                   |                             |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Printer                 | 3                      | 6                     |                |                 | 22 50            | 270 00                   | month                       | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 35                     | 11                    | 1 25           | 7 50            | 31 50            | 389 00                   | month                       | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 10                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Coach Maker             | 40                     | 12                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>HYDE.</b>            |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Mechanic                | 15                     | 12                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Millwright              | 10                     | 10                    | 2 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 10                     | 10                    |                | 15 00           |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 2                      | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  | 240 00                   | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             |                        |                       |                | 5 00            |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 5                      | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  | 350 00                   | job                         | 90                            | 10                                  | yes                     |
| Mill Supt               | 1                      | 11                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>IREDELL.</b>         |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick Mason             | 14                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 20                     | 10                    | 1 75           |                 | 30 00            |                          | day                         | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Plasterer               | 12                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  | 400 00                   | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Blacksmith              | 40                     | 12                    |                |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Printer                 | 8                      | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  | 465 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Printer                 | 14                     | 10                    | 1 25           | 7 50            |                  | 494 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Tinner                  | 5                      | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | irregular                   | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 10                     | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Printer                 | 20                     | 10                    | 75             |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 3                      | 11                    | 1 50           |                 |                  | 240 00                   | month                       | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Plasterer               | 10                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 10                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 35                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 19                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>JACKSON.</b>         |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Laborer                 | 6                      | 12                    | 50             |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 15                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 5                      | 11                    | 1 50           | 7 00            |                  | 300 00                   | day                         |                               | 100                                 | yes                     |
| Printer                 | 4                      | 11                    |                | 8 00            |                  | 346 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Millwright              | 18                     |                       | 2 50           |                 |                  |                          | day and job                 | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 15                     | 10                    |                |                 |                  |                          |                             | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 8                      | 10                    |                |                 |                  |                          |                             | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 15                     | 12                    | 1 25           |                 |                  | 200 00                   | day                         | 10                            | 90                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 40                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 | 36 00            | 432 00                   | year                        | 20                            | 80                                  | yes                     |
| Wagon Maker             |                        |                       |                | 9 00            |                  |                          | year                        | 20                            | 80                                  | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 15                     | 11                    | 75             |                 |                  |                          | month                       | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |



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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| \$ none                           | \$6 to 8                           | 2                         | 1                 | yes                       | \$           |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| 9 00                              | 2                                  | 1                         | yes               |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | yes                                | yes                            |                                            |
| 11 00                             | 2                                  | 1                         | yes               |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | yes                                | yes                            |                                            |
| 100 8 to 10                       | 7                                  | 1                         | yes               |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                |                                | 3                      | 2                           |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
| 10 00                             |                                    | yes                       |                   |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
|                                   |                                    | no                        |                   |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      |                                   |                                | 4                      | 3                           | 2                        |                                    | no                             | no                                         |
| none                              | 150 10 00                          | 3                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                      | 15                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
| 9 00                              | 8                                  |                           | yes               |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
| none                              | 10 to 12                           |                           | no                |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
| 20 00                             | none 8 to 12                       | 6                         | 3                 | no                        | 16           |                     |                                      | 10                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                        |
| none                              | 8 00                               |                           | yes               |                           |              |                     |                                      | 15                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           |                          |                                    | yes                            | no                                         |
| none                              | 8 to 12                            | 10                        | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
| none                              | 90 8 00                            | 7                         | 1                 | no                        |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                        |
| 200 8 00                          | 5                                  | 1                         | yes               |                           |              |                     |                                      | 15                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                        |
| 200 8 00                          | 5                                  | 1                         | yes               |                           |              |                     |                                      | 15                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                        |
| 25 00                             | none 8 00                          | 4                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2½                     | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| none                              | 8 00                               | 4                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 6                         | 3                 | yes                       | 25           |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| 25 00                             | none 8 00                          | 6                         | 1                 | no                        | b'ds 20      |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| 150 00                            | 200 10 00                          | 8                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 30 5 to 12                         | 3                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 8                      |                             |                          | yes                                | no                             | yes                                        |
|                                   | 100 8 to 10                        | 3                         | 2                 | no                        | 50           |                     |                                      |                                      | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 10 00                              | 7                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                        |
|                                   | 10 to 12                           | 1                         |                   | no                        | b'ds         |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| none                              | none 10 to 12                      | 3                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
|                                   | none 8 to 10                       | 3                         | 1                 | yes                       | 48           |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            |                        | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
|                                   | 140 10 00                          | 2                         | 1                 | no                        |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | yes                                        |
|                                   | none 10 to 12                      | 3                         | 1                 | yes                       | b'ds         |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
|                                   | 10 00                              |                           | 1                 |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 7                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 9 00                               | 1                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                      | 25                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 9 00                               | 1                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 150 12 00                          | 6                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   |                                    | 4                         | 1                 | no                        |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            |                        |                             |                          |                                    |                                |                                            |
| none                              | none 8 00                          | 3                         | 1                 | no                        | 30           | 2                   |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| 500 00                            | none 8 00                          | 9                         | 3                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| 40 00                             | 100 8 to 10                        | 5                         | 2                 | no                        | 48           |                     |                                      | 10                                   | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                        |
| none                              | 8 to 10                            | 1                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 10 00                              | 4                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | yes                                | yes                            | no                                         |
|                                   | none 10 00                         | 5                         | 2                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                |                                |                        | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                         |
| none                              | none 10 00                         | 8                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                      | 15                                   | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           |                          | yes                                | yes                            | no                                         |
| 150 00                            | 125 8 00                           | 8                         | 2                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            |                        | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 10 8 00                            | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 8 00                               | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                         |
|                                   | 8 to 10                            |                           |                   | no                        |              |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          |                                    | no                             | no                                         |

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| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>JOHNSTON.</b>        |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Sawyer .....            | 12                     | 12                    | \$ 1 50        | \$ 9 00         | \$ -----         | \$ 800 00                | day .....                   | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter, &c. ....     | 10                     | 12                    | 1 25           | 7 50            | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 35                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Blacksmith .....        | 12                     | 12                    | 35             | 1 75            | 8 00             | -----                    | month .....                 | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter .....         | 20                     | 10                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | job .....                   | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Brick Mason .....       | 40                     | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | job .....                   | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 40                     | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| <b>JONES.</b>           |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Mechanic .....          | 15                     | 10                    | 1 50           | -----           | -----            | 330 00                   | day .....                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carriage Maker .....    | 25                     | 10                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                    | -----                       | ---                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 4                      | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | 250 00                   | job .....                   | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Mechanic .....          | 12                     | 12                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | job .....                   | 67                            | 33                                  | ---                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 10                     | 12                    | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Buggy Maker .....       | 12                     | 12                    | 1 50           | -----           | -----            | 380 00                   | day .....                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 15                     | 12                    | 1 50           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | -----                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Buggy Maker .....       | 30                     | -----                 | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                    | -----                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 12                     | 11                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 300 00                   | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Brick Mason .....       | 11                     | 12                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                    | -----                       | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter .....         | 25                     | 12                    | 1 25           | 7 50            | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| <b>LENOIR.</b>          |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Blacksmith .....        | 40                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 180 00                   | week .....                  | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Blacksmith .....        | 11                     | 10                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | -----                    | -----                       | ---                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 29                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 432 00                   | week .....                  | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Wagon Maker .....       | 10                     | 10                    | -----          | 9 00            | -----            | -----                    | week .....                  | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 30                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 35                     | 12                    | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 40                            | 60                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter .....         | 28                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 25                     | -----                 | -----          | -----           | -----            | 150 00                   | irregular .....             | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Mechanic .....          | 4                      | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 10                     | 10                    | 1 75           | 10 50           | -----            | -----                    | week .....                  | 50                            | 50                                  | half                    |
| Carpenter .....         | 30                     | 11                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 468 00                   | day .....                   | 100                           | ---                                 | half                    |
| Brick Mason .....       | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | 300 00                   | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | ptly                    |
| Plasterer .....         | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Mechanic .....          | 10                     | -----                 | 2 00           | -----           | -----            | 300 00                   | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Mechanic .....          | 30                     | -----                 | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 300 00                   | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 12                     | 11                    | 1 25           | 7 00            | -----            | 300 00                   | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 18                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | -----            | 432 00                   | week .....                  | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Brick Mason .....       | 4                      | 10                    | 1 25           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | week .....                  | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 13                     | 12                    | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carriage Maker .....    | 23                     | 10                    | 1 60           | -----           | 40 00            | -----                    | -----                       | 100                           | no                                  | no                      |
| Brick Mason .....       | 35                     | 12                    | 2 00           | 10 00           | -----            | -----                    | job .....                   | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| <b>LINCOLN.</b>         |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Machinist .....         | 30                     | 12                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | 1000 00                  | -----                       | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 13                     | 10                    | 1 50           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | day and job .....           | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Moulder .....           | 19                     | 10                    | 1 75           | 10 50           | -----            | 450 00                   | week .....                  | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter .....         | 33                     | 12                    | 1 25           | 7 50            | -----            | -----                    | day .....                   | 100                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 24                     | 12                    | 1 75           | -----           | -----            | -----                    | irregular .....             | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Moulder .....           | 20                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | -----            | -----                    | -----                       | ---                           | ---                                 | yes                     |
| Sawyer .....            | 6                      | 12                    | 1 00           | -----           | 26 00            | -----                    | month .....                 | 60                            | 40                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | -----                  | 10                    | -----          | -----           | -----            | 312 00                   | day .....                   | 60                            | 40                                  | yes                     |



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| none                              | 75                                 | 8 to 14                   | 5                 | 1                         | no           | \$ 30               | 4                                    | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 100                                | 8 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| \$60 00                           | 75                                 | 8 to 10                   | 9                 | 3                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 8                                    | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 300 00                            | 40                                 | 6 to 10                   | 10                | ---                       | ---          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 8                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 150 00                            | 150                                | 7 00                      | 2                 | ---                       | ---          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 150 00                            | none                               | 7 00                      | 2                 | ---                       | ---          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 150 00                            | 52                                 | 4 to 7                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | none                               | 7 to 10                   | 2                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | 25                                   | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | ---                         | ---                      | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 6 to 10                   | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 8 to 10                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 6                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 20                                   | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 200 00                            | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 2                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | 10                                   | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 2                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | 10                                   | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 6 to 8                    | 3                 | ---                       | no           | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | ---                                | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 80                                 | 10 00                     | 10                | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 33                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 8 00                      | 3                 | 2                         | no           | 12                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | ---                       | 10                | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 125 00                            | 100                                | 6 to 10                   | 5                 | 1                         | no           | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 10 00                     | 6                 | 1                         | no           | free                | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 30 00                             | 30                                 | 8 00                      | 3                 | 3                         | no           | 84                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | ---                                | ---                       | ---               | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | ---                                | ---                            | ---                                       |
| none                              | 100                                | 10 00                     | 7                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | ---                                | 10 00                     | 7                 | 4                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | no                                | no                             | ---                    | 1                           | ---                      | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | ---                                | 10 00                     | 9                 | 3                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 50                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | 75                                 | 8 to 12                   | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 20                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 75                                 | 8 to 12                   | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 42                  | ---                                  | 20                                   | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 75                                 | 8 to 12                   | 6                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | 18                                 | 10 to 12                  | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | ---                         | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 75                                 | 10 to 12                  | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 75                                 | 10 to 12                  | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 30                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 50 00                             | 75                                 | 10 00                     | 3                 | 2                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 100                                | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |
| ---                               | ---                                | 10 00                     | 8                 | ---                       | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | ---                      | no                                 | ---                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 25                                 | 12 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 150                                | ---                       | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 20                                 | 5 to 10                   | 6                 | 1                         | no           | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | no                             | 2                      | 2                           | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | ---                                       |
| ---                               | ---                                | ---                       | 9                 | ---                       | no           | 60                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | no                             | 5                      | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | ---                            | yes                                       |
| frmer                             | none                               | 10 00                     | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | frm                 | ---                                  | 5                                    | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | 100                                | 8 00                      | 12                | 4                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | no                             | ---                    | 5                           | 5                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 8 to 12                   | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | no                             | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | 90                                 | 10 to 15                  | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | no                             | ---                    | 2                           | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| ---                               | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 9                 | 6                         | no           | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | 2                         | no           | free                | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 8 to 10                   | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | sme                               | yes                            | 3                      | 5                           | 5                        | ---                                | ---                            | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 8 to 10                   | 1                 | ---                       | no           | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2½                     | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| ---                               | ---                                | 8 to 10                   | 1                 | ---                       | no           | ---                 | ---                                  | ---                                  | no                                | yes                            | ---                    | ---                         | ---                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |

TABLE NO.

| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
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| <b>MCDOWELL.</b>        |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick Mason             | 5                      | 10                    | \$ 1 50        | \$ 9 00         | \$               | \$ 432 00                | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Stone Mason             | 15                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  | 432 00                   | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter               | 1                      | 10                    | 75             | 4 50            |                  | 200 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 30                     | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | irregular                   | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 9                      | 12                    |                | 3 00            |                  |                          | job                         | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 1                      | 10                    |                |                 |                  |                          | year                        | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 18                     |                       | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| <b>MACON.</b>           |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick Mason             | 13                     | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 13                     | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 30                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 6                      | 11                    |                |                 | 8 00             | 96 00                    | irregular                   | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>MADISON.</b>         |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Tinner                  | 4                      | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 23                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  | 300 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 18                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Plasterer               | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 15                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  | 400 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Cabinet Maker.          | 15                     |                       |                | 12 00           |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              |                        | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 10                     | 12                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  | 350 00                   | day                         |                               | 30                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 20                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>MARTIN.</b>          |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Millwright              | 21                     | 10                    | 3 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         |                               |                                     |                         |
| Laborer                 | 30                     | 12                    | 40             |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| Fireman                 | 21                     | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  | 264 00                   | month                       | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Brick Mason             | 11                     | 12                    | 1 75           |                 |                  | 300 00                   | day                         | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 21                     | 10                    |                |                 |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 25                     | 12                    | 2 25           | 13 50           |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>MECKLENBURG.</b>     |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 8                      | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Sawyer                  | 32                     | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 25                            | 75                                  | ptly                    |
| Cabinet Maker           |                        | 10                    | 1 75           |                 | 45 00            |                          | month                       | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick Mason             | 6                      | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  |                          | irregular                   | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 2                      | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 292 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 7                      | 10                    | 83             | 5 00            |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>MONTGOMERY.</b>      |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Miller                  | 5                      | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Tanner                  | 25                     | 10                    |                |                 |                  | 300 00                   | toll                        | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Shoe Maker              | 12                     | 11                    | 1 25           |                 |                  | 325 00                   | job                         | 13                            | 87                                  | yes                     |
| Engineer                | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  | 624 00                   | month                       | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 15                     | 10                    | 1 25           | 5 00            |                  | 400 00                   | irregular                   | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter               | 22                     | 10                    | 1 25           | 7 50            |                  | 390 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 4                      | 12                    | 1 50           | 10 50           |                  | 468 00                   | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 22                     | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  | 546 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| <b>MITCHELL.</b>        |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter               | 7                      | 11                    | 1 50           |                 | 24 00            |                          | day                         | 33                            | 67                                  | ptly                    |



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| Earnings of all others in family. | Days unable to get work past year. | Price of board per month. | Number in family. | Number working for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Per cent. wages increased past year. | Per cent. wages decreased past year. | Live better than three years ago. | Public School in neighborhood. | Months open past year. | Number children school age. | Number attending school. | Any apprentice rule in your trade. | Accumulate anything past year. | Run in debt past year for living expenses |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| none                              | 75                                 | 7 to 10                   | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 20                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 100                                | 6 to 8                    | 12                | 5                         | yes          | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 50                                 | 8 00                      | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 25 00                             | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 100                                | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 100                                | 8 00                      | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 100                                | 10 00                     | 3                 | 3                         | no           | 48                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | 25                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | 25                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 30                                 | 6 00                      | 11                | 1                         | yes          | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 5                           | 5                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 00                      | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 120                                | 12 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 12                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 120                                | 6 to 12                   | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | 48                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 30                                 | 15 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 30                                 | 15 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 30                                 | 15 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| 25 00                             | 100                                | 15 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| 500 00                            | 25                                 | 10 to 20                  | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 75                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 10                     | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| small                             | 100                                | 10 to 20                  | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 75                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 1                      | 5                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 100                                | 12 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | none                               | 10 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 10                     | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 22                                 | 8 to 12                   | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | 20                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 96 00                             | 12                                 | 7 to 8                    | 4                 | 2                         | no           | 24                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 12                                 | 10 00                     | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 100                                | 9 00                      | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 40                                 | 8 to 12                   | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | 20                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 40                                 | 10 00                     | 8                 | 1                         | no           | 100                 | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 25 00                             | 75                                 | 6 to 9                    | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 120                 | 25                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 150                               | 150                                | 10 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 120                                | 12 to 20                  | 8                 | 1                         | no           | 100                 | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 100                                | 10 to 15                  | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | 20                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 100                                | 10 to 20                  | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 5                                  | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 200 00                            | 40                                 | 7 to 10                   | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | 10                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 1                                  | 9 00                      | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | 15                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 7                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 2                                  | 10 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 15                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 9 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 12                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 50 00                             | none                               | 7 to 10                   | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | 10                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 10                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | 10                  | no                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 10                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | 10                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 1                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 8 50                      | 5                 | 2                         | yes          | 10                  | yes                                  | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |

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| MITCHELL.               |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick-Mason             | 6                      | 11                    | \$ 1 50        | \$              | \$               |                          |                             | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Sawyer                  |                        | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | month                       | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Blacksmith              | 11                     | 11                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| MOORE.                  |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Painter                 | 7                      | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | irregular                   | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Trimmer                 | app                    |                       |                |                 | 13 00            |                          | month                       | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 5                      | 12                    | 1 25           |                 |                  | 260 00                   | day                         | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             | 16                     | 10                    | 1 75           |                 |                  | 500 00                   | year                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 15                     | 12                    |                |                 |                  | 100 00                   | year                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Millwright              | 20                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  | 150 00                   | day                         | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 35                     | 12                    |                | 6 00            |                  |                          | week                        | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 10                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  | 400 00                   | day                         | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Carriage Maker          | 5                      | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | irregular                   | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| NASH.                   |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Millwright              | 13                     | 10                    | 3 00           | 18 00           |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 22                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Tinner                  | 20                     | 12                    |                |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Printer                 | 15                     |                       |                |                 |                  | 300 00                   | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 12                     | 10                    | 2 50           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     |                         |
| Sawyer                  | 12                     | 12                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | no                      |
| Carpenter               | 12                     | 12                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | no                      |
| NEW HANOVER.            |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Blacksmith              | 15                     | 10                    | 2 45           |                 | 63 00            |                          | month                       | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 35                     | 10                    | 2 45           |                 |                  |                          | month                       | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 13                     | 10                    |                |                 |                  | 1200 00                  |                             | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Tinner                  | 21                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  | 600 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Moulder                 | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  | 840 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Printer                 | 15                     | 10                    |                | 17 00           |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Harness Maker           | 20                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carriage Trim'er        | 20                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 9                      | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| NORTHAMPTON.            |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Wagon Maker             | 50                     | 12                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 20                     | 11                    | 5 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 40                     | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          |                             | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 10                     | 12                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | day                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 30                     | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Plasterer               | 20                     | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Wheelwright             | 40                     |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 22                     | 11                    | 2 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 25                     | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | day                         |                               | 100                                 | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 7                      | 12                    |                | 6 00            |                  | 150 00                   | day                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 7                      | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 150 00                   | day                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 18                     | 1                     |                |                 |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Coachmaker              | 13                     | 10                    |                |                 | 24 00            |                          | month                       | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 25                     | 12                    | 1 25           |                 | 31 50            | 391 00                   | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 8                      | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Mechanic                | 18                     |                       |                |                 |                  | 250 00                   | day                         | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 18                     | 12                    | 1 25           | 7 50            |                  |                          | day                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |



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| none                              | none                               | \$ 6 00                   | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | \$...               | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| \$ none                           | none                               | 7 50                      | 7                 | 1                         | no           | free                | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                               | ...                            | ...                    | ...                         | ...                      | ...                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| 75 00                             | 75                                 | 7 to 9                    | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| 75 00                             | 60                                 | 8 to 10                   | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | 10                                   | ...                                  | ...                               | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | ...                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| ...                               | 8 to 15                            | ...                       | ...               | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | 12                                   | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | ...                         | ...                      | yes                                | no                             | no                                       |
| ...                               | 100                                | 9 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | 25                                   | ...                                  | ...                               | yes                            | ...                    | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| ...                               | none                               | 8 to 12                   | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                               | yes                            | ...                    | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| ...                               | 60                                 | 8 to 10                   | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| 400 00                            | 8 00                               | 14                        | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 8                           | 6                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| 100 00                            | m'ch                               | 5 to 6                    | 9                 | 2                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | ...                         | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| 100 00                            | 90                                 | 7 00                      | 4                 | 2                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| 75 00                             | 20                                 | 9 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | no           | b'ds                | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| ...                               | 10 00                              | 10                        | ...               | ...                       | no           | 12                  | 10                                   | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 8                           | 1                        | ...                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| ...                               | 8 to 12                            | 2                         | ...               | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| none                              | 10 to 15                           | 8                         | ...               | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| 40 00                             | 8 to 10                            | 2                         | ...               | ...                       | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 12 to 15                           | 4                         | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 75                  | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | ...                            | ...                    | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 10 to 12                           | 6                         | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 6                         | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| ...                               | 15 00                              | 7                         | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| 150 00                            | 16 00                              | 4                         | 3                 | 3                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| ...                               | 15 00                              | 1                         | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 150                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | 1                           | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| 110 00                            | 12 00                              | 6                         | 1                 | 1                         | no           | 108                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| ...                               | 15 00                              | 3                         | 2                 | 2                         | no           | 60                  | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 15 00                              | 4                         | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | 20                                   | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 7                      | ...                         | ...                      | yes                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| ...                               | 18 10 to 15                        | 3                         | ...               | ...                       | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 7                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                       |
| ...                               | 10 to 20                           | 3                         | ...               | ...                       | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 7                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                       |
| none                              | 30 12 00                           | 5                         | 1                 | 1                         | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| ...                               | 8 to 10                            | 3                         | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | 10                                   | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| none                              | 12 8 to 10                         | 9                         | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 3                        | ...                                | yes                            | no                                       |
| 500 00                            | 6 00                               | 2                         | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | ...                               | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| ...                               | 6 to 10                            | 1                         | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | no                             | ...                    | ...                         | ...                      | yes                                | no                             | no                                       |
| little                            | m'ch                               | 7 50                      | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | ...                                  | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| none                              | 100                                | 8 to 15                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| ...                               | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 6                 | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| ...                               | none                               | 10 to 12                  | 10                | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |
| ...                               | 125                                | 8 to 10                   | 6                 | 4                         | yes          | ...                 | 25                                   | ...                                  | yes                               | no                             | ...                    | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| 120 00                            | 8 00                               | 4                         | 3                 | 3                         | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| 120 00                            | 8 00                               | 4                         | 3                 | 3                         | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| none                              | 10 to 12                           | 4                         | ...               | ...                       | no           | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| 250 00                            | none                               | 10 00                     | 12                | ...                       | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 8                           | 7                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| ...                               | 150                                | 6                         | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | ...                         | ...                      | no                                 | no                             | no                                       |
| ...                               | 30                                 | 11 00                     | 11                | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 7                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | ...                                      |
| ...                               | 10 00                              | 7                         | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                      |
| ...                               | 6                                  | 6 to 8                    | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | ...                 | ...                                  | ...                                  | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | ...                      | no                                 | yes                            | no                                       |

TABLE NO.

| OCCUPATION BY<br>COUNTIES. | Years worked<br>at trade. | Hours worked<br>per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings<br>per year. | Paid by day, week<br>or month. | Per cent. wages<br>paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid<br>in store orders. | Trade where you<br>choose. |
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| NORTHAMPTON.               |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Brick-Mason                | 15                        | 10                       | \$ 2 00        | \$12 00         | \$.              | \$ 600 00                   | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| ONSLow.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter                  | 5                         | 12                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 22                        | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  | 250 00                      | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 6                         | 11                       | 1 25           |                 |                  | 200 00                      | month                          | 75                               | 25                                     |                            |
| Sawyer                     | 4                         | 12                       | 1 00           |                 |                  | 300 00                      | month                          | 100                              |                                        |                            |
| ORANGE.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter                  | 6                         | 10                       | 1 25           | 9 00            |                  | 466 00                      | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 40                        | 12                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Painter                    | 47                        |                          | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | irregular                      |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 17                        | 12                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 35                        |                          |                |                 |                  |                             | job                            |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| PAMLICO.                   |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Mechanic                   | 25                        | 12                       | 50             |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 33                               | 67                                     | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 45                        | 12                       | 2 50           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | ptly                       |
| Engineer                   |                           |                          |                | 15 00           |                  |                             | week                           | 50                               | 50                                     | ptly                       |
| Mechanic                   | 4                         | 10                       | 1 00           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| PASQUOTANK.                |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Printer                    | 27                        | 10                       |                |                 |                  |                             | irregular                      |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| Engineer                   | 5                         |                          |                |                 | 58 00            |                             | irregular                      | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Machinist                  | 5                         |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 8                         | 10                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | month                          | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Sawyer                     | 9                         | 10                       | 2 50           | 15 50           |                  | 780 00                      | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 4                         | 10                       | 1 50           |                 | 40 00            | 480 00                      | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Bricklayer                 | 4                         | 10                       | 1 50           |                 |                  | 300 00                      | week                           | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Sawyer                     | 5                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| PENDER.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter                  | 8                         | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 40                        |                          | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Wheelwright                |                           | 10                       | 2 00           |                 |                  |                             | job                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 31                        | 10                       |                | 9 00            |                  | 400 00                      | job                            | 75                               | 25                                     | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 28                        | 10                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | job                            |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| PERQUIMANS.                |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Sawyer                     | 3                         | 10                       | 95             | 5 00            |                  |                             | day                            |                                  |                                        | yes                        |
| Mechanic                   | 10                        | 12                       | 1 75           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Mechanic                   | 20                        | 12                       | 1 25           |                 |                  | 240 00                      | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Blacksmith                 | 35                        | 12                       | 1 50           |                 |                  | 560 00                      | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Mechanic                   | 30                        | 11                       | 1 25           |                 |                  | 200 00                      | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Carpenter                  | 6                         | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 50            |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 15                        | 10                       | 1 50           |                 |                  | 275 00                      | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Blacksmith                 | 12                        | 12                       | 1 50           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason                | 7                         | 12                       | 1 25           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Mechanic                   | 12                        | 11                       | 1 50           |                 |                  | 432 00                      | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| PERSON.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Painter                    | 14                        | 12                       | 2 25           |                 |                  |                             | day                            | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Brick-Maker                | 9                         | 10                       | 1 00           |                 |                  |                             | week                           | 100                              |                                        | yes                        |
| Sawyer                     | 20                        | 10                       | 1 00           |                 |                  | 280 00                      | week                           | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter                  | 6                         | 10                       | 1 25           |                 |                  | 390 00                      | job                            | 25                               | 25                                     | yes                        |



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| \$.....                           | .....                              | \$10 00                   | 4                 | 1                         | no           | \$ 50               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 6 to 15                   | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 100 00                            | none                               | 8 00                      | 12                | 1                         | yes          | .....               | 10                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 8                           | 8                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 75                                 | .....                     | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | .....                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 12                                 | 8 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | .....                              | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 00                      | 8                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | .....                              | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | .....                     | 2                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 19 8                               | to 10                     | 7                 | 2                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 9 00                      | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 4 to 8                    | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 61                                 | 5 to 8                    | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 5 to 8                    | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 4 to 7                    | 7                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | 25                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | 3                        | .....                              | .....                          | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 to 10                   | 2                 | .....                     | no           | 36                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 to 10                   | 1                 | .....                     | no           | b'ds                | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 10 00                     | 1                 | .....                     | no           | b'ds                | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 10 to 15                  | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 12 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | no           | free                | 22                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 50 00                             | 60                                 | 10 00                     | 4                 | 2                         | no           | 42                  | .....                                | 33                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| 150 00                            | 150 7                              | to 10                     | 7                 | 3                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 50                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 600 00                            | 60 8                               | to 10                     | 7                 | 3                         | no           | 60                  | 15                                   | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 50                                 | 8 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 10                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 10 to 12                  | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 10 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 6 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | 4                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 150                                | 8 00                      | 5                 | .....                     | no           | 18                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 00                      | 2                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | 10                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | .....                              | 6 00                      | 5                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | 2                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 35                                 | 5 00                      | 9                 | 1                         | .....        | 36                  | .....                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 5                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |
| none                              | 200                                | 5 00                      | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | .....                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 100                                | 5 00                      | 8                 | 2                         | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | .....                          | 2                      | 2                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 150 8                              | to 10                     | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 150                                | 10 00                     | 3                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | 10                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 100                                | 8 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | .....                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |
| none                              | 90                                 | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2 1/2                  | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | .....                          | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 80                        | 10 to 12          | 3                         | 1            | yes                 | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 to 10                   | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | no                             | yes                    | 4                           | 1                        | 1                                  | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 10 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | no                             | yes                    | 3                           | 1                        | 1                                  | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | .....                  | 3                           | 2                        | 1                                  | no                             | no                                        |

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY<br>COUNTIES. | Years worked<br>at trade. | Hours worked<br>per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings<br>per year. | Paid by day, week<br>or month. | Per cent. wages<br>paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid<br>in store orders. | Trade where you<br>choose. |
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| <b>PITT.</b>               |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Marble-Worker .....        | 7                         | 10                       | \$ 1 60        | \$ .....        | \$30 00          | \$ .....                    | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carriage Maker .....       | 17                        | 10                       | .....          | .....           | .....            | .....                       | .....                          | .....                            | .....                                  | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 2                         | 10                       | .....          | 5 00            | .....            | .....                       | .....                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 50                        | .....                    | .....          | .....           | .....            | 500 00                      | year .....                     | .....                            | .....                                  | yes                        |
| Millwright .....           | 3                         | 10                       | 2 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | job .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 3                         | 10                       | 1 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 16                        | 10                       | 1 75           | 10 50           | .....            | 275 00                      | week .....                     | 67                               | 33                                     | no                         |
| Blacksmith .....           | 9                         | 12                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | .....                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 12                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | 50 00            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| <b>POLK.</b>               |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Mechanic .....             | 5                         | 10                       | 75             | 4 00            | .....            | 200 00                      | day .....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 25                        | 12                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | .....                            | 100                                    | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 45                        | 10                       | 50             | .....           | .....            | 144 00                      | .....                          | .....                            | 100                                    | .....                      |
| Blacksmith .....           | 5                         | 12                       | 1 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | job .....                      | 25                               | 75                                     | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 5                         | 10                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | job .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| <b>RANDOLPH.</b>           |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Machinist .....            | 9                         | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 400 00                      | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Sup't Cott'n-Mill .....    | 15                        | 12                       | 2 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 40                        | 11                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 10                        | 11                       | .....          | .....           | .....            | 300 00                      | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 30                        | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 480 00                      | month .....                    | .....                            | .....                                  | ply                        |
| Carriage Trim'er .....     | 48                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 8                         | .....                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 15                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 15                        | 11                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | month .....                    | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Stone-Mason .....          | 9                         | 11                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 324 00                      | week .....                     | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Sup't Cott'n-Mill .....    | 40                        | 12                       | 2 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | month .....                    | .....                            | .....                                  | yes                        |
| Supt. C'ton Mills .....    | 12                        | 12                       | .....          | .....           | 75 00            | .....                       | irregular .....                | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Millwright .....           | 48                        | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | .....            | 390 00                      | job .....                      | 75                               | 25                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 8                         | 10                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 20                        | 12                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | month .....                    | 10                               | 90                                     | no                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 12                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 2                         | 10                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            | 600 00                      | irregular .....                | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Stone-Mason .....          | 3                         | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 75                               | 25                                     | yes                        |
| Sawyer .....               | 6                         | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | .....            | .....                       | month .....                    | 5                                | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 12                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 10                               | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 5                         | 10                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| <b>RICHMOND.</b>           |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Sawyer .....               | 4                         | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | .....            | 391 00                      | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 35                        | 10                       | 1 75           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 6                         | 12                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | .....                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 17                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | 26 00            | 312 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Tinner .....               | 18                        | 10                       | 2 25           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| <b>ROBESON.</b>            |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Tinner .....               | 31                        | 12                       | 2 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | job .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Wheelwright .....          | 18                        | 12                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 33                               | 67                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 40                        | 10                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | job .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 30                        | 10                       | 2 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | week .....                     | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Plasterer .....            | 12                        | 12                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | .....                       | day .....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |



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| Earnings of all others in family. | Days unable to get work past year. | Price of board per month. | Number in family. | Number working for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Percent. wages increased past year. | Percent. wages decreased past year. | Lave better than three years ago. | Public School in neighborhood. | Months open past year. | Number children school age. | Number attending school. | Any apprentice rule in your trade. | Accumulate anything past year. | Run in debt p'st yr for living expenses |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| \$ 200                            | \$12 00                            | 1                         | 1                 | no                        | \$           |                     |                                     |                                     |                                   | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | yes                                | no                             | no                                      |
| none                              | 10 to 12                           | 7                         | 1                 | yes                       |              | 10                  |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| none                              | 8 to 12                            | 1                         | 1                 | no                        | b'ds         | 12                  |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            |                        |                             |                          | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| 300 00                            | none                               | 8 00                      | 8                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| none                              | 5 to 8                             | 4                         | 4                 | no                        |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                |                                |                        |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 4                         | 1                 | no                        | 36           |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                |                                |                        |                             |                          | yes                                | no                             |                                         |
| none                              | 10 00                              | 1                         | 1                 | no                        |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | yes                                | no                             | yes                                     |
| 50                                | 10 00                              | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 150                               | 10 00                              | 3                         | 1                 | no                        | 48           |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | yes                                | no                             | yes                                     |
|                                   | 6 to 8                             | 3                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     | 25                                  |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 2½                     | 1                           |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
|                                   | 10 00                              | 4                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     | 33                                  |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| 75                                | 7 00                               | 3                         |                   | no                        |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                |                                |                        |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             |                                         |
| 12                                |                                    | 4                         |                   | no                        | 15           |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               |                                | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
|                                   | 8 to 10                            | 1                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               |                                | 2                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
|                                   | 25                                 | 8 to 10                   | 8                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        |                                    | yes                            | no                                      |
| none                              | 8 to 10                            | 2                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 150                               | 7 00                               | 3                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     | 25                                  |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 175                               | 10 00                              | 4                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     | 16                                  |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 125 00                            | 60                                 | 8 00                      | 8                 | 2                         | yes          |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               |                                | 8                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 150                               | 8 to 10                            | 2                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 100                               | 8 to 10                            | 8                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               |                                | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             |                                         |
| 15 00                             | 121                                | 6 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 12                  |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      |                             |                          | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 78                                 |                           | 6                 |                           | 60           |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 20 00                             | 50                                 | 10 00                     | 7                 | 2                         | no           | 9½                  | 25                                  |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | 2                           | 2                        |                                    | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 5 to 10                            | 8                         | 3                 | no                        | 30           |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               |                                | 2½                     | 4                           | 3                        |                                    | no                             | no                                      |
|                                   | 7 to 10                            | 4                         | 4                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | sme                               | yes                            | 6                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 8 to 10                            | 1                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 5 00                               | 5                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               |                                | 3                      |                             |                          |                                    |                                |                                         |
| 175 00                            | 150                                | 9 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 2½                     |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
|                                   | 9 to 10                            | 5                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 10 00                              | 7                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      |                             |                          | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| none                              | 8 to 10                            | 1                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| little                            | none                               | 8 00                      | 4                 | 2                         | yes          |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| none                              | 8 to 10                            |                           |                   |                           |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          |                                    | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 8 to 10                            |                           |                   |                           |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      |                             |                          |                                    | yes                            | no                                      |
| none                              | none                               | 7 to 8                    | 3                 | 1                         | no           | free                |                                     |                                     | no                                | no                             |                        |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 12 00                              | 8                         | 3                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | 3                           |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 7 00                               | 3                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
|                                   | 10 to 12                           | 4                         |                   | no                        | 36           |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 5                      |                             |                          | yes                                | no                             | no                                      |
|                                   | 12 to 15                           | 8                         |                   | no                        | 10           |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
|                                   | 10 to 12                           |                           |                   | yes                       |              | 50                  |                                     |                                     | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| 50 00                             | 8 00                               | 8                         | 1                 | yes                       |              |                     | 25                                  |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | 4                           | 4                        | yes                                | no                             | yes                                     |
| none                              | 10 to 15                           | 5                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            |                        | 1                           |                          | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
|                                   | 8 to 12                            | 5                         |                   |                           |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 5                      |                             |                          | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
|                                   | 8 to 12                            | 5                         |                   | yes                       |              |                     |                                     |                                     | no                                | yes                            | 3                      |                             |                          |                                    |                                | no                                      |

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| ROBESON.                   |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Printer .....              | 3½                        | 10                       | \$ .....       | \$ .....        | \$17 00          | \$ .....                    | month                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| ROCKINGHAM.                |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Mason .....                | 14                        | 12                       | 1 50           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | irregular                      | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 30                        | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ...              | ...                         | job                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 23                        | ...                      | ...            | ...             | ...              | ...                         | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Laborer .....              | 4                         | ...                      | ...            | ...             | ...              | ...                         | day                            | ...                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Machinist .....            | 17                        | 10                       | 2 00           | ...             | 40 00            | ...                         | week                           | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Wood-Worker .....          | 15                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | ...              | 520 00                      | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 23                        | 10                       | ...            | ...             | ...              | ...                         | job                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 7                         | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | ...              | ...                         | week                           | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 20                        | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | 32 50            | 260 00                      | month                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| ROWAN.                     |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter .....            | 25                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ...              | 425 00                      | week                           | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Stone-Cutter .....         | 10                        | 12                       | ...            | ...             | 10 00            | 120 00                      | job                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 12                        | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | ...              | ...                         | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 10                        | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | ...              | 360 00                      | job                            | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| Moulder .....              | 23                        | 10                       | 2 50           | 15 00           | ...              | 720 00                      | month                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Harness-Maker .....        | 25                        | 12                       | 41             | 2 50            | ...              | 120 00                      | week                           | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 25                        | 10                       | 1 40           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | week                           | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Harness-Maker .....        | 20                        | ...                      | ...            | ...             | ...              | ...                         | job                            | ...                              | ...                                    | ...                        |
| Machinist .....            | ...                       | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | ...              | ...                         | month                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Stone-Cutter .....         | 30                        | 10                       | 2 50           | ...             | ...              | 500 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| RUTHERFORD.                |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Tanner .....               | 6                         | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | ...              | 280 00                      | week                           | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 30                        | 12                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | ...              | ...                         | day                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 25                        | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | ...              | 250 00                      | job                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 5                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ...              | 432 00                      | day                            | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter, &c. .....       | 15                        | 12                       | 1 25           | ...             | ...              | 380 00                      | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | part                       |
| Millwright .....           | ...                       | ...                      | ...            | 7 50            | ...              | ...                         | ...                            | ...                              | ...                                    | ...                        |
| Millwright .....           | 16                        | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ...              | ...                         | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 30                        | 12                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | ...              | ...                         | job                            | 33                               | 67                                     | ...                        |
| Sawyer .....               | 6                         | 12                       | 1 25           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | day                            | ...                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Sawyer .....               | 5                         | 10                       | 1 00           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | day                            | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 20                        | 10                       | 1 00           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | day                            | 33                               | 67                                     | no                         |
| Carpenter .....            | 3                         | ...                      | 1 00           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| SAMPSON.                   |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carriage-Maker .....       | 36                        | 10                       | 1 00           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | day                            | ...                              | 100                                    | no                         |
| Sawyer .....               | 10                        | 10                       | 1 25           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | day                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Miller .....               | 2                         | 12                       | 50             | 3 00            | ...              | ...                         | week                           | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 7                         | 11                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | ...              | 375 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 6                         | 11                       | 1 25           | 7 00            | ...              | 200 00                      | irregular                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 15                        | 11                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ...              | ...                         | day                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 35                        | 12                       | 1 25           | ...             | ...              | 200 00                      | day                            | 67                               | 33                                     | yes                        |
| STANLY.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Cabinet-Maker .....        | 5                         | 12                       | ...            | ...             | 15 00            | 170 00                      | year                           | 25                               | 25                                     | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 50                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | ...              | 422 00                      | day                            | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 2                         | 10                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | ...              | ...                         | month                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 9                         | 12                       | 1 50           | ...             | ...              | ...                         | irregular                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 40                        | 10                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | 32 50            | 300 00                      | day                            | 50                               | 50                                     | part                       |



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| \$ . . .                          | none                               | 10to15                    | 7                 | 1                         | no           | \$ . .              | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | —                           | —                        | —                                  | no                             | —                                       |
| —                                 | my                                 | \$10 00                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2½                     | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| —                                 | none                               | 5 to 8                    | 11                | 2                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | no                             | —                      | 7                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| —                                 | 75                                 | 7 00                      | 3                 | —                         | no           | 25                  | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 9 00                              | none                               | 7 00                      | 12                | 2                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 6                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 150 00                            | none                               | 10to12                    | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| —                                 | none                               | 8 to 15                   | 10                | —                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 8                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| none                              | none                               | 12 50                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| none                              | 100                                | 10to15                    | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 72                  | —                                   | 10                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 72 00                             | 90                                 | 12to15                    | 6                 | 4                         | no           | 40                  | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 7                      | 4                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| 50 00                             | 90                                 | 8 to 10                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| none                              | 75                                 | 8 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | no           | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| none                              | —                                  | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 25                  | 25                                  | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 50 00                             | 3                                  | 8 00                      | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 18                  | —                                   | 5                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 10                   | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 72                  | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| —                                 | 75                                 | 10 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| none                              | —                                  | 10to12                    | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | —                                   | 6                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| —                                 | —                                  | 10to20                    | 7                 | 1                         | —            | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 5                           | 4                        | —                                  | —                              | no                                      |
| —                                 | 15                                 | 15 00                     | 8                 | 2                         | no           | 100                 | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| none                              | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 2                 | n'he                      | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 100 00                            | 33                                 | 7 to 12                   | 5                 | 4                         | no           | 36                  | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| —                                 | 140                                | 8 to 10                   | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | 25                                  | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| —                                 | 20                                 | 12 00                     | 8                 | 2                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | 25                                  | no                                | no                             | —                      | 4                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| —                                 | 80                                 | 8 to 10                   | 5                 | 2                         | no           | 25                  | 25                                  | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | 3                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 50 00                             | 100                                | 9 to 12                   | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| —                                 | —                                  | 8 00                      | 9                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| —                                 | 9                                  | 00                        | 4                 | —                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| —                                 | 8                                  | 00                        | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | 25                                  | —                                   | no                                | —                              | —                      | —                           | —                        | —                                  | no                             | no                                      |
| —                                 | 100                                | 8 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| 60 00                             | 150                                | 8 00                      | 3                 | 3                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| —                                 | few                                | 8 to 10                   | 1                 | —                         | yes          | —                   | 25                                  | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | —                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| —                                 | —                                  | 10 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 34                  | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| —                                 | 8 to 10                            | 4                         | 1                 | no                        | 24           | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| none                              | none                               | 5 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | no           | free                | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                      |
| none                              | 60                                 | 10to12                    | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | —                                   | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | —                           | —                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| —                                 | 6 to 8                             | 1                         | —                 | no                        | —            | —                   | 4                                   | —                                   | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| 25 00                             | none                               | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 12                  | 10                                  | —                                   | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | —                              | no                                      |
| little                            | none                               | 6 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | 20                                  | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| —                                 | 40                                 | 10 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | —            | —                   | 10                                  | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | —                           | —                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                     |
| farm                              | none                               | 7 to 8                    | 12                | —                         | yes          | —                   | 10                                  | —                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 7                           | 7                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                      |
| —                                 | none                               | 7 00                      | 1                 | —                         | no           | b'ds                | —                                   | —                                   | —                                 | yes                            | 4                      | —                           | —                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                      |
| —                                 | 150                                | 7 00                      | 1                 | —                         | no           | b'ds                | —                                   | —                                   | —                                 | yes                            | 2½                     | —                           | —                        | no                                 | —                              | no                                      |
| —                                 | —                                  | 8 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | —                   | —                                   | —                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | —                           | —                        | —                                  | —                              | no                                      |

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
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| STANLY.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Shoemaker .....         | 10                     |                       | \$ 7 50        | \$ 7 50         |                  |                          | week                        | 50                            | 50                                  | part                    |
| Harness-Maker .....     | 12                     |                       |                |                 | 32 50            |                          | month                       | 50                            | 50                                  | part                    |
| Millwright .....        | 10                     | 2 00                  |                |                 |                  |                          | month                       | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 30                     | 12                    |                |                 |                  | 500 00                   | job                         | 80                            | 20                                  | yes                     |
| STOKES.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Blacksmith .....        | 38                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 18 00           | 52 00            | 936 00                   |                             | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 25                     | 12                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Wagon-Maker .....       | 16                     | 12                    |                |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 10                     | 12                    | 75             |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 33                            | 67                                  | part                    |
| Blacksmith .....        | 30                     | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 300 00                   | job                         | 67                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 19                     | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| SURRY.                  |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter .....         | 20                     | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Laborer .....           | 7                      | 12                    | 50             |                 |                  |                          | irregular                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Stone-Cutter .....      | 13                     | 12                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter .....         | 30                     | 12                    | 1 75           | 10 50           |                  |                          | day                         | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Printer .....           | 15                     | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | week                        | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 25                     | 12                    | 2 25           | 7 50            |                  |                          | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason .....       | 6                      | 12                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 40                     | 12                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | irregular                   | 25                            | 75                                  | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason .....       | 10                     | 12                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 7                      | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | month                       | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Stone-Mason .....       | 15                     | 12                    | 1 25           | 8 00            |                  | 384 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 50                     | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Plasterer .....         | 50                     |                       | 1 00           |                 |                  | 400 00                   | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| SWAIN.                  |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter .....         | 25                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  | 216 00                   | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Sawyer .....            | 2                      |                       | 2 00           |                 |                  | 720 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 15                     | 12                    |                |                 |                  |                          |                             | 10                            | 90                                  | no                      |
| Wagon-Maker .....       | 15                     |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             | 10                            | 90                                  |                         |
| Miller .....            | 20                     |                       | toll           |                 |                  |                          | toll                        |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick-Mason .....       | 11                     | 11                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| TRANSYLVANIA.           |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Blacksmith .....        | 15                     | 12                    | 75             | 4 50            |                  | 260 00                   | month                       | 20                            | 80                                  |                         |
| Tinner .....            | 10                     | 11                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Rock-Mason .....        | 38                     | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Painter .....           | 20                     | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 16                     | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 16                     | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| TYRRELL.                |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Laborer .....           | 20                     | 10                    | 80             | 4 80            | 13 00            |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | no                      |
| Fisherman .....         | 20                     | 10                    |                | 12 00           |                  |                          |                             |                               | 100                                 | no                      |
| Coach-Maker .....       | 19                     | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 300 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter .....         | 19                     | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | part                    |
| Fisherman .....         | 25                     | 8                     | 1 25           |                 |                  | 390 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 15                     | 12                    | 75             | 4 50            |                  | 216 00                   | month                       | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |
| UNION.                  |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter .....         | 3                      | 10                    | 1 00           |                 | 26 00            |                          | month                       | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 8                      | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  | 125 00                   | day                         | 25                            | 75                                  | no                      |



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| \$.....                           | .....                              | \$ 8 00                   | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | \$.....             | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | .....                          | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | 150                                | 7 00                      | .....             | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | none                               | 7 to 10                   | 9                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | .....                          | 4                      | 6                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 100 00                            | none                               | 6 to 10                   | 6                 | 1                         | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3½                     | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 4 to 6                    | 8                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | 30                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | .....                    | no                                 | .....                          | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 7 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 5 to 8                    | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | 10                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 60                                 | .....                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 200 00                            | none                               | 8 00                      | 3                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | no                             | .....                  | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 6 to 10                   | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | .....                          | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none                               | 150                       | 7 to 8            | 3                         | 1            | yes                 | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 10 00                     | 5                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 48 00                             | none                               | 6 00                      | 7                 | 2                         | no           | 40                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none                               | 60                        | 6 to 10           | 8                         | 1            | yes                 | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 50                        | 10 00             | 1                         | .....        | no                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 75                        | 6 to 10           | 6                         | 3            | yes                 | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none                               | 8 00                      | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 7 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 2                        | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | .....                              | 5 00                      | 11                | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| little                            | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 14                | 6                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | .....                  | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | .....                          | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 14                | 6                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | .....                  | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 50 00                             | 150                                | 10 to 15                  | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | 10                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 6                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 8 00                      | 12                | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 8                           | 6                        | no                                 | yes                            | .....                                     |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 00                      | .....             | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | 7 50                      | 7                 | 1                         | no           | free                | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 4                        | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 to 10                   | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 2                        | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | .....                              | 5 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 8 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 10 00                     | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | 25                                   | .....                                | no                                | no                             | .....                  | 4                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | 6 00                      | .....             | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | .....                  | 1                           | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | .....                                     |
| .....                             | none                               | 10 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none                               | 10 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none                               | 5 to 8                    | 7                 | .....                     | no           | .....               | 25                                   | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 5                           | 5                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | 5 to 10                   | 6                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 2                      | 4                           | 4                        | .....                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 100                       | 10 00             | 5                         | 1            | yes                 | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | no                             | .....                  | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | 100                       | .....             | 5                         | 1            | yes                 | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | no                             | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | 5 00                      | 6                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | no                             | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none                               | 5 00                      | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 3                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 00                      | 8                 | .....                     | no           | b'ds                | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 125                                | 8 00                      | 8                 | 1                         | no           | 24                  | 25                                   | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY<br>COUNTIES. | Years worked<br>at trade. | Hours worked<br>per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings<br>per year. | Paid by day, week<br>or month. | Per cent. wages<br>paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid<br>in store orders. | Trade where you<br>choose. |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| UNION.                     |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Millwright .....           | 23                        | 12                       | \$ 3 00        | \$ .....        | \$ .....         | \$ .....                    | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Miner .....                | 1                         | 10                       | .. ..          | 4 50            | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Mechanic .....             | 35                        | 12                       | 3 00           | 18 00           | 78 00            | 936 00                      | year .....                     | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 19                        | 11                       | 1 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| VANCE.                     |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Machinist .....            | 12                        | 10                       | 1 00           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | day .....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | yes                        |
| Harness-Maker ..           | 5                         | 12                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .. ..            | 468 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 13                        | 12                       | 1 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | 205 00                      | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Wagon-Maker .....          | 15                        | 10                       | .. ..          | 10 00           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 10                        | 10                       | 1 75           | .. ..           | .. ..            | 400 00                      | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 30                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | .. ..            | 600 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Harness-Maker ..           | 11                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .. ..            | 469 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 7                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .. ..            | 688 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Tinner .....               | 6                         | 10                       | 2 00           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 7                         | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| WAKE.                      |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Tinner .....               | 15                        | 10                       | 2 50           | 15 00           | 65 00            | 780 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 32                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | .. ..            | 300 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Wood-Worker .....          | 8                         | 10                       | 1 75           | 10 50           | 45 00            | .. ..                       | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Engineer .....             | 8                         | 10                       | .. ..          | .. ..           | .. ..            | 1006 00                     | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Tinner .....               | 6                         | 10                       | 1 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | 390 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 15                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 13                        | 10                       | 2 33           | 14 00           | .. ..            | 620 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 36                        | 10                       | 1 50           | 9 00            | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Machinist .....            | 30                        | 10                       | 2 35           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Tin&Iron Wr'k'r ..         | 18                        | 10                       | 2 25           | 13 50           | 58 50            | 720 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 17                        | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | .. ..            | 600 00                      | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Granite-Cutter ..          | 40                        | 10                       | .. ..          | .. ..           | .. ..            | 600 00                      | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Milliner .....             | 9                         | 10                       | .. ..          | .. ..           | .. ..            | 200 00                      | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Printer .....              | 13                        | 10                       | 2 33           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Shoemaker .....            | 40                        | 10                       | 1 66           | 10 00           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 12                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .. ..           | .. ..            | 400 00                      | irregular ..                   | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Stone-Cutter .....         | 19                        | 10                       | 3 00           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Brick-Mason .....          | 7                         | 10                       | 2 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 50                               | 50                                     | no                         |
| Gas Fitter .....           | 25                        | 10                       | 2 50           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Car-Repairer .....         | 7                         | 10                       | 1 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | 390 00                      | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Cabinet-Maker ..           | 30                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 15                        | 10                       | 1 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 20                        | 10                       | 1 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Wheelwright .....          | 10                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 20                        | 10                       | 75             | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 20                        | 10                       | 1 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Painter .....              | 7                         | 10                       | 1 50           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 12                        | 10                       | 1 00           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 16                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 15                        | 10                       | 1 50           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Eng. Machinist ..          | 35                        | 10                       | 2 35           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Boiler-Maker .....         | ...                       | 10                       | 2 25           | .. ..           | .. ..            | .. ..                       | month .....                    | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |



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| Earnings of all others in family. | Days unable to get work past year. | Price of board per month. | Number in family. | Number working for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Per cent. wages increased past year. | Per cent. wages decreased past year. | Live better than three years ago. | Public School in neighborhood. | Months open past year. | Number children school age. | Number attending school. | Any apprentice rule in your trade. | Accumulate anything past year. | Run in debt past year for living expenses |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| \$.....                           | 50                                 | \$12 00                   | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | \$.....             | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | 6                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 7 to 8                    | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 18                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | .....                       | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | .....                                     |
| none                              | none                               | 8 00                      | 12                | 5                         | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 7                           | 6                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 7 to 10                   | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 100 00                            | 75                                 | 8 to 10                   | 4                 | 2                         | no           | 36                  | .....                                | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 10 to 12                  | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 50 00                             | .....                              | 8 to 10                   | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 2                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 10 to 15                  | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | no                             | .....                  | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 30                                 | 10 to 15                  | 1                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 102 00                            | 100                                | 8 to 10                   | 10                | 1                         | .....        | 72                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 7                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | 12 00                     | 1                 | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| 15 00                             | 90                                 | 9 00                      | 7                 | .....                     | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | 15 00                     | 7                 | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 15 00                     | .....             | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | .....                          | .....                  | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 12 50                     | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 4                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| 300 00                            | 100                                | 12 00                     | 2                 | 2                         | no           | 90                  | .....                                | 20                                   | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 12 to 15                  | 2                 | 1                         | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 12 to 20                  | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | 3                                    | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 12 50                     | 1                 | .....                     | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | sme                               | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 10 to 12                  | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 75                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 4                                  | 16 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 96                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| 300 00                            | none                               | 8 00                      | 7                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 10                                   | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 150                                | .....                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 120                 | .....                                | 3                                    | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 12 to 15                  | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 42                                 | 12 to 15                  | 6                 | 1                         | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 90                                 | .....                     | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 3                        | .....                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | .....                     | .....             | 1                         | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | .....                          | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 150                                | .....                     | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 78                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 150                                | .....                     | 8                 | 3                         | no           | 96                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | 1                        | .....                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 12 00                     | 6                 | 4                         | no           | 120                 | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 209                                | 13 00                     | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| 150 00                            | 200                                | 10 00                     | 4                 | 4                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none                               | 12 00                     | 4                 | 2                         | no           | 120                 | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 12 00                     | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 96                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | .....                     | 7                 | 2                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | 3                        | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | 200                                | .....                     | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 6                           | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 150                                | .....                     | 7                 | 2                         | no           | 48                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | 2                        | .....                              | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 75                                 | .....                     | 1                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | .....                     | 7                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | .....                     | 2                 | 2                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | 78                                 | .....                     | 1                 | 1                         | no           | b'ds                | 25                                   | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | .....                     | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | .....                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | .....                     | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 150 00                            | none                               | 11 to 15                  | 7                 | 2                         | no           | 150                 | .....                                | .....                                | .....                             | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 12 50                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |

# NORTH CAROLINA LABOR STATISTICS.

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>WAKE.</b>            |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Moulder .....           | 10                     |                       | \$ 2 35        | \$ .....        | \$ .....         |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Machinist .....         | 10                     |                       | 2 35           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Boiler-Maker .....      | 10                     |                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Engineer .....          | 10                     |                       | 2 25           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Cooper .....            | 10                     |                       | 1 25           | 7 50            | .....            |                          | week .....                  | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 10                     |                       | 2 50           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Cabinet-Maker .....     | 10                     |                       | 2 50           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 10                     |                       | 1 50           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 10                     |                       | 1 25           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 10                     |                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Trimmer .....           | 10                     |                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Upholsterer .....       | 10                     |                       | 2 00           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| <b>WARREN.</b>          |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Mechanic .....          | 36                     | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 468 00                   | week .....                  | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Wood-Worker .....       | 22                     | 10                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 30                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 400 00                   | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 20                     | 12                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | 250 00                   | day .....                   | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 5                      | 12                    | 85             | .....           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Brick-Mason .....       | 30                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | .....            | 300 00                   | .....                       | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 14                     | 11                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            | 250 00                   | day .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 20                     |                       | .....          | .....           | .....            |                          | .....                       | .....                         | .....                               | .....                   |
| Rock-Mason .....        | 30                     | 10                    | 2 50           | 9 00            | .....            | .....                    | job .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 6                      | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | .....            | 624 00                   | week .....                  | 67                            | 33                                  | no                      |
| Tinner .....            | 10                     | 10                    | 1 25           | .....           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Mechanic .....          | 38                     | 11                    | 2 00           | .....           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Rock-Mason .....        | 36                     | 13                    | 1 50           | .....           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Painter .....           | 2                      | 12                    | 1 00           | 6 00            | .....            | 200 00                   | day .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 60                     | 10                    | 50             | .....           | .....            |                          | job .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 14                     |                       | 1 35           | .....           | .....            |                          | job .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Mason .....             | 43                     | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            | 30 00            | 360 00                   | day .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| <b>WASHINGTON.</b>      |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Carpenter .....         | 12                     | 10                    | 1 25           | .....           | .....            |                          | job .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Rock-Mason .....        | 10                     | 11                    | 2 00           | 12 00           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Carriage Maker .....    | 15                     | 10                    | .....          | .....           | 50 00            |                          | week .....                  | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason .....       | 14                     | 10                    | 1 00           | .....           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 15                     | 12                    | 2 50           | .....           | .....            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Wheelwright .....       | .....                  | .....                 | .....          | 15 00           | .....            |                          | .....                       | .....                         | .....                               | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 40                     | 10                    | 2 00           | .....           | 40 00            |                          | month .....                 | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 5                      |                       | .....          | .....           | .....            |                          | job .....                   | .....                         | 100                                 | no                      |
| <b>WATAUGA.</b>         |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Mechanic .....          | 18                     | 10                    | 75             | .....           | .....            |                          | job .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Miller .....            | .....                  | .....                 | .....          | 4 00            | .....            |                          | day .....                   | .....                         | .....                               | .....                   |
| Brick-Mason .....       | 18                     | 10                    | 2 50           | .....           | .....            |                          | job .....                   | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |
| Mason .....             | 5                      | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            | .....            |                          | job .....                   | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter .....         | 9                      | 11                    | 1 25           | .....           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith .....        | 12                     | 12                    | 1 00           | .....           | .....            |                          | day .....                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| <b>WAYNE.</b>           |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Blacksmith .....        | 9                      | 10                    | .....          | 12 00           | .....            | 624 00                   | week .....                  | 100                           | ..                                  | yes                     |



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| \$.....                           | none                               | 12to15                    | 5                 | 1                         | no           | \$100               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | ..                       | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 12 50                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 12 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 72                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | .....                              | 10to12                    | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 10to15                    | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 12 50                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | .....                     | 3                 | 1                         | no           | 96                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | .....                     | 5                 | 3                         | no           | 108                 | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 3                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 12to15                    | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 48                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | .....                              | 12 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | 150                                | 12to14                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 12 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| 60 00                             | .....                              | 10 5 to 10                | 10                | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 2                        | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| 25 00                             | 150                                | 5 to 8                    | 9                 | 1                         | no           | 25                  | .....                                | 5                                    | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 75                                 | 10to12                    | 6                 | 3                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 5                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 96 00                             | none                               | 7 to 8                    | 4                 | 3                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| 60 00                             | 30                                 | 10 00                     | 10                | 3                         | no           | 12                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 25 00                             | 60                                 | 10 00                     | 2                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 60                                 | 10to12                    | 3                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | .....                     | 7                 | .....                     | no           | 50                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| farm                              | .....                              | 5 to 10                   | 8                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | 15                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 5                           | 5                        | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| 220 00                            | none                               | 10to12                    | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 150                                | 12to15                    | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | 5                                    | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 to 10                   | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 5 to 8                    | 7                 | .....                     | no           | 78                  | .....                                | 20                                   | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | 60                                 | 10 00                     | 5                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | .....                              | .....                          | .....                                     |
| .....                             | .....                              | 6 to 8                    | 4                 | .....                     | .....        | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | .....                              | 6 00                      | 6                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 7 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| .....                             | none                               | 10 00                     | 1                 | .....                     | no           | 36                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | 2                                  | 8 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 6 to 10                   | 9                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | 5                                    | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 8 to 10                   | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 2                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | .....                              | 5 to 15                   | 4                 | .....                     | no           | 36                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | .....                              | 5 to 15                   | 4                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | .....                          | .....                                     |
| 30 00                             | none                               | 8 to 12                   | 4                 | 2                         | yes          | .....               | 5                                    | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 6                      | 7                           | .....                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 5 to 8                    | 8                 | .....                     | yes          | .....               | 10                                   | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 5 to 9                    | 4                 | 1                         | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 5 to 9                    | .....             | .....                     | no           | free                | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | no                                 | .....                          | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 6 00                      | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| .....                             | .....                              | 6 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| farm                              | .....                              | 7 50                      | 7                 | 1                         | yes          | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 36                  | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | .....                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| .....                             | none                               | 15 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | no           | .....               | .....                                | .....                                | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | .....                       | .....                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY COUNTIES. | Years worked at trade. | Hours worked per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings per year. | Paid by day, week or month. | Per cent. wages paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid in store orders. | Trade where you choose. |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WAYNE.                  |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Blacksmith              | 15                     | 10                    | \$ 1 50        | \$              | \$               | \$ 468 00                | week                        | 67                            | 33                                  | yes                     |
| Tinner                  | 2                      | 10                    |                |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 30                     | 12                    | 1 25           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  |                         |
| Fireman                 | 15                     | 12                    | 83             | 5 00            |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 15                     | 10                    |                |                 |                  |                          | contract                    | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Sawyer                  | 10                     | 12                    | 65             | 4 00            |                  |                          |                             | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Tanner                  | 20                     | 10                    |                | 12 00           |                  |                          |                             | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 20                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 12                     |                       | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 8                      | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| WILKES.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Brick-Mason             | 6                      | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | day                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 25                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  | 500 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Millwright              | 8                      | 10                    | 1 75           | 10 00           |                  | 350 00                   | job                         | 90                            | 10                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 8                      | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | job                         | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 10                     | 11                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  |                          | job                         |                               |                                     | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 8                      | 12                    | 50             | 3 00            |                  |                          | month                       | 50                            | 50                                  | no                      |
| Millwright              | 11                     | 10                    | 1 75           | 10 50           |                  | 375 00                   | job                         | 90                            | 10                                  | yes                     |
| WILSON.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Wood-Worker             | 18                     | 10                    | 1 50           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 30                     | 12                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  | 370 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 11                     | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  | 288 00                   | day                         | 33                            | 67                                  | no                      |
| Carpenter               | 13                     | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 33                     | 11                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Machinist               | 8                      | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  | 480 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 31                     | 10                    | 2 00           |                 |                  | 500 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 10                     | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 15                     | 10                    | 2 50           | 15 00           |                  | 780 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 4                      | 10                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Brick-Mason             | 20                     | 11                    | 2 00           |                 |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Harness-Maker           | 20                     | 12                    | 1 50           |                 |                  | 432 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 21                     | 11                    | 1 75           |                 |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 2                      | 11                    | 1 25           | 7 50            |                  |                          | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| YADKIN.                 |                        |                       |                |                 |                  |                          |                             |                               |                                     |                         |
| Tobacco-Worker          | 15                     | 10                    | 75             |                 |                  | 100 00                   | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 9                      | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | irregular                   | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               |                        | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Harness-Maker           |                        | 12                    | 1 50           | 9 00            |                  |                          | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 10                     | 10                    | 1 00           | 6 00            |                  | 280 00                   | day                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 40                     | 10                    | 50             | 3 00            |                  | 140 00                   | day                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Painter                 | 10                     | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  | 150 00                   | job                         | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Stone-Mason             | 7                      | 10                    | 1 00           |                 |                  |                          | day                         | 75                            | 25                                  | yes                     |
| Carpenter               | 8                      | 10                    | 2 00           | 12 00           |                  | 300 00                   | week                        | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |
| Carriage-Maker          | 8                      | 10                    | 75             |                 |                  |                          | month                       | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Laborer                 | 20                     | 10                    | 50             |                 | 8 00             | 125 00                   | job                         | 50                            | 50                                  | yes                     |
| Blacksmith              | 14                     | 12                    | 1 00           |                 |                  | 350 00                   | month                       | 33                            | 67                                  | yes                     |
| Carriage Trim'er        | 8                      | 10                    | 1 25           |                 |                  | 175 00                   | job                         | 100                           |                                     | yes                     |



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| \$-----                           | 100                                | \$10 00                   | 5                 | 1                         | yes          | \$-----             | 50                                   | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | yes                                       |
| -----                             | none                               | 10 00                     | 5                 | 1                         | no           | 90                  | 15                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 2                        | -----                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| 25 00                             | 20                                 | 10to15                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 6 00                              | few                                | 10to20                    | 6                 | -----                     | no           | 52                  | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| -----                             | 60                                 | 10to15                    | 6                 | -----                     | no           | -----               | -----                                | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | -----                          | no                                        |
| -----                             | -----                              | 10to20                    | 6                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 4                           | 3                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| -----                             | -----                              | 12 00                     | 8                 | -----                     | no           | 100                 | -----                                | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | -----                                     |
| -----                             | -----                              | 12 00                     | 8                 | -----                     | no           | 100                 | -----                                | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | -----                                     |
| -----                             | -----                              | 10to12                    | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| -----                             | -----                              | 8 to 12                   | 5                 | 2                         | yes          | -----               | 25                                   | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 5 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | -----        | -----               | 20                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| 8 00                              | none                               | 5 to 7                    | 6                 | 2                         | yes          | -----               | 25                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | -----                              | yes                            | no                                        |
| -----                             | -----                              | 5 to 7                    | 1                 | 1                         | no           | -----               | 10                                   | sme                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| -----                             | -----                              | 5 to 7                    | 1                 | -----                     | no           | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | yes                                | yes                            | no                                        |
| -----                             | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 3                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | 10                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | yes                                | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | no           | free                | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | -----                  | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| -----                             | 2                                  | 5 to 7                    | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | sme                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 8 to 10                   | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | sme                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | 2                           | 2                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | -----                              | 15 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 2                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| 12 00                             | none                               | 8 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | 50                                   | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 100                                | 15 00                     | 3                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 12to15                    | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 10 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 60                                 | 12 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 90                                 | 10 00                     | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | -----                              | 12 00                     | 1                 | 1                         | no           | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 7                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 75                                 | 12to16                    | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 65                  | -----                                | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 8                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| -----                             | 150                                | 10 00                     | 5                 | 2                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | -----                  | 3                           | 2                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| none                              | 150                                | 10to15                    | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 72                  | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 6                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | -----                              | 12to15                    | 2                 | 1                         | no           | 60                  | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 100                                | 12 00                     | 4                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | 25                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| 50 00                             | -----                              | 6 00                      | 4                 | 3                         | free         | -----               | -----                                | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| -----                             | -----                              | 6 to 8                    | 4                 | -----                     | no           | 18                  | 20                                   | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| -----                             | none                               | -----                     | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | 25                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| -----                             | none                               | -----                     | 8                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | 25                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 4                           | 4                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 4 to 8                    | 9                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| -----                             | 30                                 | 4 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| none                              | 150                                | 8 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 30                  | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 9                      | 5                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| -----                             | -----                              | 4 00                      | 6                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | no                                   | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 4                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
| -----                             | 140                                | 7 to 10                   | -----             | -----                     | -----        | -----               | -----                                | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | none                               | 6 to 8                    | 9                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | 25                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 4                      | 5                           | 4                        | no                                 | -----                          | no                                        |
| -----                             | -----                              | 6 to 8                    | 6                 | 1                         | no           | 18                  | 25                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 1                           | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| -----                             | 75                                 | 8 00                      | 1                 | 1                         | -----        | -----               | 20                                   | yes                                  | yes                               | yes                            | 5                      | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | no                             | no                                        |
| -----                             | 25                                 | 6 to 8                    | 2                 | -----                     | yes          | -----               | -----                                | -----                                | -----                             | -----                          | -----                  | -----                       | -----                    | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |

TABLE No.

| OCCUPATION BY<br>COUNTIES. | Years worked<br>at trade. | Hours worked<br>per day. | Wages per day. | Wages per week. | Wages per month. | Total Earnings<br>per year. | Paid by day, week<br>or month. | Per cent. wages<br>paid in cash. | Per ct. wages paid<br>in store orders. | Trade where you<br>choose. |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| YANCEY.                    |                           |                          |                |                 |                  |                             |                                |                                  |                                        |                            |
| Carpenter .....            | 10                        | 10                       | \$ 1 00        | -----           | \$-----          | \$ 280 00                   | day .....                      | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Blacksmith .....           | 40                        | 10                       | 50             | \$ 3 00         | -----            | 140 00                      | day .....                      | 50                               | 50                                     | ...                        |
| Painter .....              | 10                        | 12                       | 1 00           | 6 00            | -----            | -----                       | job .....                      | 33                               | 67                                     | no                         |
| Stone Mason .....          | 7                         | 10                       | 1 00           | -----           | -----            | -----                       | day .....                      | 75                               | 25                                     | ...                        |
| Carpenter .....            | 8                         | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | -----            | 300 00                      | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Millwright .....           | 8                         | 10                       | 2 00           | 12 00           | -----            | -----                       | week .....                     | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |
| Miller .....               | 37                        | 12                       | 50             | 3 00            | -----            | -----                       | -----                          | 100                              | ...                                    | yes                        |



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| Earnings of all others in family. | Days unable to get work past year. | Price of board per month. | Number in family. | Number working for wages. | Owning home. | Rent paid per year. | Per cent. wages increased past year. | Per cent. wages decreased past year. | Live better than three years ago. | Public School in neighborhood. | Months open past year. | Number children school age. | Number attending school. | Any apprentice rule in your trade. | Accumulate anything past year. | Run in debt past year for living expenses |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| none                              | none                               | 4 to 8                    | 9                 | yes                       | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | yes                               | yes                            | 3                      | 6                           | 6                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 30                                 | 4 00                      | 2                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 9                      |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
| none                              | 150                                | 8 00                      | 4                 | 1                         | no           | 30                  |                                      | 25                                   | no                                | yes                            | 9                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | no                             | yes                                       |
|                                   |                                    | 4 00                      | 6                 | 1                         | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 3                      | 3                           | 3                        | no                                 | yes                            | yes                                       |
|                                   | 142                                | 7 to 10                   |                   |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      |                                   |                                |                        |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
|                                   | 140                                | 7 to 10                   | 6                 |                           |              |                     |                                      |                                      |                                   |                                |                        |                             |                          | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |
|                                   |                                    | 6 to 10                   | 3                 |                           | yes          |                     |                                      |                                      | no                                | yes                            | 7                      | 1                           | 1                        | no                                 | yes                            | no                                        |

TABLE NO. 2.—SHOWING AVERAGE HOURS OF LABOR, PER CENT. OF WAGES PAID IN CASH AND IN MERCHANDISE, AVERAGE NUMBER OWNING HOMES, AVERAGE RENTS PAID, NUMBER IN FAMILY, CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL, &c., FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE, MADE FROM RETURNS FROM MECHANICS IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTIES.

| COUNTIES.  | Average hours of labor. | Average per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Average per cent. paid in orders or merchandise. | Average price board per month. | Average number in family. | Per cent. report'g own'g homes. | Average number renting. | Average rent paid per year. | Average months school kept open. | Children of school age in families reporting. | Children attending school of families reporting. | Per cent. report'g who accumulated past year. | Per ct. report'g who ran in debt for living expenses past year. |
|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alamance   | 10 $\frac{3}{4}$        | 71                                       | 29                                               | 7 50                           | 5                         | 93                              | 7                       | 42 00                       | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$                  | 20                                            | 16                                               | 80                                            | 20                                                              |
| Alexander  | 11                      | 90                                       | 10                                               | 7 66                           | 3                         | 66                              | 33                      | -----                       | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 1                                             | 1                                                | 50                                            | ---                                                             |
| Alleghany  | 11                      | 70                                       | 30                                               | 7 33                           | 5                         | 100                             | -----                   | -----                       | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 14                                            | 10                                               | 66                                            | 33                                                              |
| Anson      | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 70                                       | 30                                               | 8 40                           | 6                         | 60                              | 40                      | -----                       | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$                  | 9                                             | 4                                                | 40                                            | 25                                                              |
| Ashe       | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 55                                       | 45                                               | 7 12                           | 5                         | 75                              | 25                      | 36 00                       | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 5                                             | 4                                                | 50                                            | ---                                                             |
| Beaufort   | 11                      | 92                                       | 8                                                | 8 65                           | 5                         | 60                              | 40                      | 60 00                       | 3                                | 32                                            | 29                                               | 23                                            | 23                                                              |
| Bertie     | 11                      | 56                                       | 44                                               | 8 60                           | 5                         | 60                              | 40                      | 25 00                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 11                                            | 7                                                | ---                                           | 40                                                              |
| Bladen     | 11                      | 65                                       | 35                                               | 8 75                           | 6                         | 85                              | 15                      | -----                       | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$                  | 38                                            | 18                                               | 75                                            | 8                                                               |
| Brunswick  | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 71                                       | 29                                               | 9 00                           | 6                         | 70                              | 30                      | 56 00                       | 3                                | 34                                            | 19                                               | 15                                            | 38                                                              |
| Buncombe   | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 91                                       | 9                                                | 11 65                          | 5                         | 75                              | 25                      | 87 50                       | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 18                                            | 13                                               | 50                                            | 38                                                              |
| Burke      | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 88                                       | 12                                               | 8 75                           | 5                         | 15                              | 56                      | 30 25                       | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 8                                             | 7                                                | 14                                            | 56                                                              |
| Cabarrus   | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 79                                       | 21                                               | 8 45                           | 5                         | 50                              | 50                      | 30 60                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 23                                            | 14                                               | 25                                            | 58                                                              |
| Caldwell   | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 79                                       | 21                                               | 8 50                           | 6                         | 83                              | 17                      | -----                       | 4                                | 11                                            | 11                                               | 66                                            | 20                                                              |
| Camden     | 11                      | 84                                       | 16                                               | 7 80                           | 6                         | 67                              | 33                      | 40 00                       | 3 $\frac{3}{4}$                  | 47                                            | 34                                               | 29                                            | 7                                                               |
| Carteret   | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 73                                       | 27                                               | 9 55                           | 6                         | 91                              | 9                       | 48 00                       | 3                                | 52                                            | 30                                               | 17                                            | 28                                                              |
| Caswell    | 11                      | 100                                      | -----                                            | 9 35                           | 4                         | 67                              | 33                      | -----                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 4                                             | 3                                                | 63                                            | ---                                                             |
| Catawba    | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 59                                       | 41                                               | 8 60                           | 5                         | 70                              | 30                      | 45 50                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 27                                            | 20                                               | 27                                            | 9                                                               |
| Chatham    | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 73                                       | 27                                               | 8 75                           | 5                         | 37                              | 63                      | 21 80                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 30                                            | 22                                               | 55                                            | 12                                                              |
| Cherokee   | 11                      | 68                                       | 32                                               | 10 00                          | 5                         | 54                              | 46                      | 34 00                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 17                                            | 6                                                | 55                                            | 10                                                              |
| Chowan     | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 100                                      | -----                                            | 12 00                          | 4                         | 28                              | 72                      | 50 00                       | 6                                | 5                                             | 4                                                | 57                                            | 28                                                              |
| Clay       | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 62                                       | 38                                               | 6 50                           | 5                         | 50                              | 50                      | 30 00                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 11                                            | 11                                               | 25                                            | 50                                                              |
| Cleveland  | 11                      | 75                                       | 25                                               | 8 00                           | 4                         | 33                              | 67                      | 39 00                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 6                                             | 5                                                | 43                                            | ---                                                             |
| Columbus   | 11 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 59                                       | 41                                               | 8 25                           | 6                         | 57                              | 43                      | 26 75                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 33                                            | 18                                               | 25                                            | 16                                                              |
| Craven     | 10                      | 94                                       | 6                                                | 11 90                          | 5                         | 23                              | 77                      | 71 00                       | 7 $\frac{1}{4}$                  | 16                                            | 15                                               | 50                                            | 27                                                              |
| Cumberland | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 95                                       | 5                                                | 12 00                          | 6                         | 40                              | 60                      | 42 00                       | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 15                                            | 6                                                | 44                                            | 12                                                              |
| Currituck  | 12                      | 100                                      | -----                                            | 10 00                          | 5                         | 50                              | 50                      | 45 00                       | 2                                | 3                                             | 1                                                | ---                                           | ---                                                             |
| Davie      | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 85                                       | 15                                               | 7 80                           | 5                         | 15                              | 85                      | 38 50                       | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 12                                            | 10                                               | 12                                            | 28                                                              |
| Davidson   | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 93                                       | 7                                                | 9 25                           | 5                         | 44                              | 56                      | 57 50                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 18                                            | 10                                               | 10                                            | 43                                                              |
| Dare       | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 86                                       | 14                                               | 8 00                           | 5                         | 86                              | 14                      | 22 00                       | 3                                | 17                                            | 10                                               | 33                                            | 20                                                              |
| Duplin     | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 59                                       | 41                                               | 8 25                           | 7                         | 88                              | 12                      | 18 00                       | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 50                                            | 35                                               | 33                                            | 28                                                              |
| Durham     | 10                      | 98                                       | 2                                                | 11 20                          | 4                         | 29                              | 71                      | 71 00                       | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 13                                            | 9                                                | 36                                            | 53                                                              |
| Edgecombe  | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 95                                       | 5                                                | 11 90                          | 5                         | 33                              | 67                      | 36 00                       | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 11                                            | 4                                                | 22                                            | 25                                                              |
| Forsyth    | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 98                                       | 2                                                | 10 20                          | 5                         | 61                              | 39                      | 81 00                       | 7                                | 15                                            | 7                                                | 37                                            | 28                                                              |
| Franklin   | 11                      | 95                                       | 5                                                | 7 30                           | 5                         | 40                              | 60                      | 48 00                       | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 9                                             | 6                                                | 40                                            | ---                                                             |
| Gaston     | 11                      | 88                                       | 12                                               | 9 80                           | 5                         | 80                              | 20                      | 51 00                       | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 11                                            | 6                                                | ---                                           | 10                                                              |
| Gates      | 11 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 81                                       | 19                                               | 10 65                          | 6                         | 88                              | 12                      | -----                       | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 22                                            | 15                                               | 66                                            | 22                                                              |
| Graham     | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 56                                       | 44                                               | 7 00                           | 6                         | 100                             | -----                   | -----                       | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 7                                             | 3                                                | 50                                            | 25                                                              |
| Granville  | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 96                                       | 4                                                | 11 25                          | 5                         | 44                              | 56                      | 74 00                       | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$                  | 13                                            | 7                                                | 36                                            | 25                                                              |
| Greene     | 10 $\frac{1}{4}$        | 58                                       | 42                                               | 8 80                           | 5                         | 20                              | 80                      | 25 00                       | 3                                | 10                                            | 7                                                | ---                                           | ---                                                             |



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| COUNTIES.   | Average hours of labor. | Average per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Average per cent. paid in orders or merchandise. | Average price board per month. | Average number in family. | Per cent. report'g own'g homes. | Average number renting. | Average rent paid per year. | Average months school kept open. | Children of school age in families reporting. | Children attending school of families reporting. | Per cent. reporting who accumulated past year. | Per ct. report'g who ran in debt for living expenses past year. |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Guilford    | 10                      | 100                                      |                                                  | 10 70                          | 5                         | 60                              | 40                      |                             | 6 3/4                            | 33                                            | 28                                               | 22                                             | 12                                                              |
| Halifax     | 10 1/2                  | 79                                       | 21                                               | 10 50                          | 5                         | 50                              | 50                      | 66 33                       | 4 1/4                            | 10                                            | 8                                                | 20                                             |                                                                 |
| Harnett     | 10 1/2                  | 78                                       | 22                                               | 9 40                           | 8                         | 80                              | 20                      | 36 30                       | 2 3/4                            | 29                                            | 20                                               | 70                                             | 20                                                              |
| Haywood     | 10 1/2                  | 47                                       | 53                                               | 8 00                           | 5                         | 75                              | 25                      | 42 00                       | 5                                | 17                                            | 13                                               | 50                                             | 20                                                              |
| Henderson   | 10                      | 100                                      |                                                  | 9 20                           | 5                         | 83                              | 17                      |                             | 4                                | 11                                            | 8                                                | 67                                             |                                                                 |
| Hertford    | 10 1/2                  | 93                                       |                                                  | 9 50                           | 7                         | 66                              | 37                      | 16 00                       | 3 3/4                            | 10                                            | 9                                                | 17                                             | 17                                                              |
| Hyde        | 11                      | 98                                       | 2                                                | 8 25                           | 5                         | 71                              | 29                      |                             | 2 3/4                            | 16                                            | 12                                               | 57                                             | 43                                                              |
| Iredell     | 10 1/2                  | 80                                       | 20                                               | 9 40                           | 4                         | 69                              | 31                      | 49 00                       | 4 3/4                            | 14                                            | 8                                                | 30                                             | 23                                                              |
| Jackson     | 10 1/2                  | 44                                       | 56                                               | 8 80                           | 5                         | 73                              | 27                      | 39 00                       | 4 3/4                            | 17                                            | 11                                               | 43                                             | 9                                                               |
| Johnston    | 11                      | 49                                       | 51                                               | 8 10                           | 6                         | 83                              | 17                      | 30 00                       | 3 3/4                            | 19                                            | 11                                               | 17                                             | 66                                                              |
| Jones       | 11 1/2                  | 77                                       | 23                                               | 7 70                           | 5                         | 82                              | 18                      | 12 00                       | 2 1/2                            | 14                                            | 12                                               | 54                                             |                                                                 |
| Lenoir      | 10 1/2                  | 64                                       | 36                                               | 9 95                           | 5                         | 70                              | 30                      | 52 50                       | 3 3/4                            | 27                                            | 13                                               | 21                                             | 42                                                              |
| Lincoln     | 11                      | 70                                       | 30                                               | 9 30                           | 7                         | 37                              | 63                      | 36 00                       | 3                                | 17                                            | 16                                               | 29                                             | 13                                                              |
| McDowell    | 10 1/2                  | 68                                       | 32                                               | 8 20                           | 6                         | 49                              | 51                      | 48 00                       | 3 1/2                            | 10                                            | 9                                                | 28                                             |                                                                 |
| Macon       | 10                      | 100                                      |                                                  | 6 00                           | 6                         | 75                              | 25                      |                             | 2 3/4                            | 9                                             | 7                                                | 100                                            |                                                                 |
| Madison     | 10 1/2                  | 97                                       | 3                                                | 13 00                          | 5                         | 50                              | 50                      | 57 00                       | 6 1/2                            | 7                                             | 2                                                | 40                                             | 28                                                              |
| Martin      | 11 1/2                  | 48                                       | 52                                               | 9 40                           | 5                         | 33                              | 67                      | 46 00                       | 3                                | 20                                            | 10                                               |                                                | 25                                                              |
| Mecklenburg | 10 1/2                  | 88                                       | 12                                               | 11 66                          | 5                         | 17                              | 83                      | 73 00                       | 6 1/2                            | 10                                            | 6                                                | 17                                             | 17                                                              |
| Montgomery  | 10 1/2                  | 67                                       | 33                                               | 8 35                           | 4                         | 75                              | 25                      | 13 50                       | 3 3/4                            | 11                                            | 6                                                | 75                                             | 25                                                              |
| Mitchell    | 11 1/2                  | 52                                       | 48                                               | 7 25                           | 5                         | 50                              | 50                      | 24 00                       | 3                                | 7                                             | 5                                                | 50                                             |                                                                 |
| Moore       | 10 3/4                  | 55                                       | 45                                               | 8 60                           | 5                         | 90                              | 10                      |                             | 4                                | 9                                             | 8                                                | 44                                             |                                                                 |
| Nash        | 11                      | 100                                      |                                                  | 10 70                          | 5                         | 28                              | 72                      | 46 00                       | 3 3/4                            | 23                                            | 8                                                | 43                                             | 28                                                              |
| New Hanover | 10                      | 100                                      |                                                  | 14 10                          | 4                         | 33                              | 67                      | 108 00                      | 7 3/4                            | 11                                            | 8                                                | 34                                             | 22                                                              |
| Northampton | 11 1/4                  | 74                                       | 26                                               | 9 00                           | 6                         | 82                              | 18                      | 36 00                       | 3 3/4                            | 36                                            | 22                                               | 35                                             | 25                                                              |
| Onslow      | 11 1/2                  | 94                                       | 6                                                | 9 00                           | 6                         | 75                              | 25                      | 24 00                       | 3 3/4                            | 15                                            | 11                                               | 50                                             |                                                                 |
| Orange      | 11 1/2                  | 100                                      |                                                  | 8 33                           | 6                         | 75                              | 25                      | 60 00                       | 2                                | 7                                             | 7                                                |                                                |                                                                 |
| Pamlico     | 11 1/2                  | 58                                       | 42                                               | 6 10                           | 6                         | 50                              | 50                      | 54 00                       | 2                                | 13                                            | 8                                                |                                                | 25                                                              |
| Pasquotank  | 10                      | 92                                       | 8                                                | 10 15                          | 4                         | 25                              | 75                      | 46 00                       | 4 1/4                            | 8                                             | 6                                                | 62                                             | 12                                                              |
| Pender      | 10                      | 94                                       | 6                                                | 8 60                           | 4                         | 80                              | 20                      | 18 00                       | 2 3/4                            | 5                                             | 5                                                | 20                                             |                                                                 |
| Perquimans  | 11 1/2                  | 77                                       | 23                                               | 7 50                           | 5                         | 37                              | 63                      | 42 00                       | 3                                | 11                                            | 6                                                | 77                                             | 40                                                              |
| Person      | 10 1/2                  | 80                                       | 20                                               | 9 50                           | 4                         | 25                              | 75                      | 33 00                       | 2 1/2                            | 4                                             | 3                                                | 25                                             |                                                                 |
| Pitt        | 10                      | 95                                       | 5                                                | 9 65                           | 6                         | 33                              | 67                      | 42 00                       | 3 3/4                            | 11                                            | 10                                               | 45                                             | 22                                                              |
| Polk        | 10 3/4                  | 35                                       | 65                                               | 8 25                           | 4                         | 60                              | 40                      | 15 00                       | 2 3/4                            | 2                                             | 1                                                |                                                | 50                                                              |
| Randolph    | 11                      | 79                                       | 21                                               | 8 17                           | 5                         | 79                              | 21                      | 28 00                       | 4 1/2                            | 21                                            | 20                                               | 70                                             |                                                                 |
| Richmond    | 10 1/2                  | 100                                      |                                                  | 9 80                           | 5                         | 40                              | 60                      | 23 00                       | 3 1/4                            | 8                                             | 3                                                | 60                                             |                                                                 |
| Robeson     | 11                      | 76                                       | 24                                               | 10 80                          | 6                         | 75                              | 25                      |                             | 4                                | 7                                             | 6                                                | 20                                             | 40                                                              |
| Rockingham  | 10 1/2                  | 81                                       | 19                                               | 10 00                          | 6                         | 66                              | 34                      | 46 00                       | 6                                | 23                                            | 16                                               | 33                                             | 33                                                              |
| Rowan       | 11                      | 85                                       | 15                                               | 10 25                          | 4                         | 25                              | 75                      | 50 20                       | 6 1/2                            | 17                                            | 14                                               | 45                                             | 10                                                              |
| Rutherford  | 11                      | 53                                       | 47                                               | 9 90                           | 5                         | 73                              | 27                      | 28 33                       | 3 3/4                            | 21                                            | 15                                               | 18                                             | 18                                                              |
| Sampson     | 11                      | 81                                       | 19                                               | 8 00                           | 4                         | 15                              | 85                      | 30 00                       | 2 3/4                            | 5                                             | 4                                                | 50                                             | 28                                                              |
| Stanly      | 11                      | 84                                       | 16                                               | 7 95                           | 5                         | 63                              | 37                      |                             | 3 3/4                            | 13                                            | 10                                               | 75                                             | 16                                                              |
| Stokes      | 11                      | 55                                       | 45                                               | 6 90                           | 5                         | 66                              | 34                      | 24 00                       | 3 3/4                            | 17                                            | 10                                               | 60                                             |                                                                 |
| Surry       | 11 3/4                  | 67                                       | 33                                               | 7 95                           | 7                         | 84                              | 16                      | 40 00                       | 4                                | 34                                            | 32                                               | 27                                             | 34                                                              |

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|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----|---------------------------|----|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Swain              | 11                      | 54               | 46                                       | 8  | 75                                               | 6 | 84                             | 16 | 16                        | 16 | 24                              | 00              | 4                       | 19 | 17                          | 75 | 25                               |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Transylvania       | 11                      | 60               | 40                                       | 8  | 15                                               | 5 | 84                             | 16 | 24                        | 00 | 3                               | 2               | 16                      | 13 | 9                           | 17 | 66                               |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Tyrrell            | 11                      | 54               | 46                                       | 6  | 80                                               | 6 | 83                             | 17 | 67                        | 21 | 00                              | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 17                      | 13 | 34                          | 20 |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Union              | 11                      | 79               | 21                                       | 8  | 60                                               | 7 | 33                             | 67 | 37                        | 55 | 50                              | 6               | 13                      | 4  | 67                          | 22 |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Vance              | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 95               | 5                                        | 11 | 40                                               | 5 | 63                             | 37 | 55                        | 50 | 6                               | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 68                      | 42 | 33                          | 23 |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Wake               | 10                      | 99               | 1                                        | 12 | 50                                               | 5 | 35                             | 65 | 77                        | 00 | 4                               | 25              | 21                      | 19 | 36                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Warren             | 11                      | 81               | 19                                       | 9  | 15                                               | 5 | 71                             | 29 | 41                        | 25 | 4                               | 22              | 14                      | 43 | 14                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Washington         | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 85               | 15                                       | 9  | 37                                               | 6 | 75                             | 25 | 36                        | 00 | 4                               | 7               | 6                       | 80 | 11                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Watauga            | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 56               | 44                                       | 6  | 75                                               | 5 | 50                             | 50 | 36                        | 00 | 5 $\frac{2}{3}$                 | 21              | 18                      | 40 | 14                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Wayne              | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 92               | 8                                        | 12 | 25                                               | 5 | 45                             | 55 | 85                        | 50 | 8                               | 4               | 4                       | 71 | 14                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Wilkes             | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 72               | 28                                       | 6  | 00                                               | 4 | 50                             | 50 | 50                        | 00 | 4                               | 10              | 8                       | 50 | 14                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Wilson             | 10 $\frac{3}{8}$        | 95               | 5                                        | 12 | 00                                               | 4 | 50                             | 50 | 64                        | 50 | 6                               | 28              | 23                      | 33 | 16                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Yadkin             | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 66               | 34                                       | 6  | 55                                               | 6 | 66                             | 34 | 22                        | 00 | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$                 | 11              | 11                      | 85 | 14                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Yancey             | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 79               | 21                                       | 6  | 70                                               | 5 | 80                             | 20 | 30                        | 00 | 6                               |                 |                         |    |                             |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |
| Average for State, | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$        | 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$                         | 9  | 05                                               | 5 | 59                             | 41 | 41                        | 90 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$                 | 1,598           | 1,100                   | 39 | 20                          |    |                                  |  |                                               |  |                                                  |  |                                                |  |                                                                 |  |



## VIEWS OF MECHANICS.

The following are extracts from letters to the Bureau on various subjects from Mechanics in the different counties of the State:

## ALAMANCE.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER.—I am not, what the people in this section call a workingman, still there is not a man in this section who does more real work than I do. I get out plans and specifications for mills of all kinds, but more particularly cotton-mills; am thrown a great part of my time about the mills, and am more intimately acquainted with the relations existing between the laboring class and their employers than any one in the county. My duties throw me much in the company, both of the operatives and the owners. I can say there has been a very decided improvement for the better between the two classes since I sent you a statement about a year ago. Then the two parties looked upon each other with a great deal of distrust, and it was equally as bad with the employer as the employee, but now there is a much better feeling existing. What the laboring class need most is a law governing the employing of children in mills, &c., and an effort on the part of those better informed to induce them to husband their earnings. There are hundreds of cases where men with large families go to the cotton-mills and get their children to work in the mill, and they do nothing; actually do not perform five days' work in the year. Now there should be a law to compel these men to send their children to school while the public school is in session, if no longer, and not allow them to grow up in ignorance. Another thing much needed is some institution like a savings bank, where these people could deposit their small earnings and get it, when desired. As it is now what they get is spent as fast as earned, and in many cases for articles that are no benefit to them. Among the cotton-mill people there is a very decided opposition to the length of time the mill is run. They think ten hours long enough for a day's work, but as the labor is mostly females and boys, the thing is not much agitated. There is no other class of laborers in this section who work over ten hours per day.

CARPENTER—SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS —The laborers are imposed upon more than any other class. But I cannot suggest the remedy for the present evils. I think ten hours in summer and nine in winter should constitute a day's work. Laborers should insist on this and on fair pay for their work. If they were agreed and united, they would succeed. As it is now they are entirely at the mercy of the man who employs them, and must work as many hours, and for such price as he is willing to pay, or not work at all.

I think the public schools are not worth much; women are generally employed to teach, and they are not fit to teach boys.

MASON, &C.—I have been working at my trade for ten or more years; usually get from one dollar and twenty-five cents to two dollars per day, and work ten to fourteen hours per day. There is no system as to hours or wages, as there should be, nor in regard to apprentices learning a trade. There are a great many workmen who pretend to be mechanics, but who know nothing; they succeed, however, in keeping good workmen out of a job.

**WAGON MAKER.**—The wagon making business in this State is kept down by the immense importation of wagons made in other States. The same is true in regard to coffins. The close competition with the manufactories of the North makes the business dull and unprofitable here. Our merchants should discourage the use of these, and those who purchase should demand a home-made article; then our own mechanics would be able to keep employment, and every other business would be benefited by the additional money that would be put into circulation.

**BLACKSMITH.**—Every man and woman can make a living and have a home too if they will begin right and live within their ability, and not try to keep up with the rich in show. Most of our workmen lose too much time around the shops and stores.

**MILLWRIGHT AND MACHINIST.**—We need better public schools, industrial schools, and legislation that would give a part of the profits to the laborer, and not all to the capitalist or corporation.

**CARPENTER.**—I think it is better to let the tariff stand as it is. Work the public roads by taxation or by convicts, so that the burden of working the roads shall be more equally divided than under the present system. Ten hours should constitute a day's work, and cash should be paid in full for all labor each week.

#### ALEXANDER.

**MILLWRIGHT AND CABINET MAKER.**—Our county has been blessed in the last twelve months with a railroad, and I can already see it has benefited the mechanic and laborer. Men of capital and energy have moved in, and consequently made work more plentiful and at advanced wages. We need more men of this kind in our county, who have the means to invest in permanent improvements. We need machine shops, foundries, wood-working establishments, &c. We also need more *workmen* and fewer *cobblers*. There are men in this county, and lots of them too, who know nothing about the carpenter's trade except to *cobble*, and yet they will undertake to build a house for seventy-five cents per day. They keep good mechanics out of a job and keep wages down.

**MILLWRIGHT.**—Work in the county is ruined by so many men that are not competent, and consequently they have lowered wages to their level, and a man who will do good work will not take it at their prices. The men wanting work done seem indifferent to the quality, but look at the price. (There are too many men for the amount of work.) This is more so with carpenters than it is with my trade. There is no union of workmen of any kind in the county, but every man gets work where he can and for whatever price he can.

#### ALLEGHANY.

**MECHANIC AND BLACKSMITH.**—We have plenty of water-power, woods and minerals lying dormant. Therefore, if we had capitalists to invest means among us and give employment to workmen, it would greatly benefit us. Also we need a railroad in this county to give better transportation. We have a healthy climate, and first-rate free stone water all over this county. A good grain and grass county with nice stock, a splendid opening for immigration, land ranging from three to twenty dollars per acre. We need machinery so as to manufacture



here at home, instead of having to patronize the New England States, as we could make our farming implements, &c., here among us, and save cost, &c.

**BLACKSMITH.**—My experience is, that men or women who have a trade and want to keep employment should do their work right. No surer rule than this. They have more work and better pay than those who care nothing about how work should be done. There are too many who, when hired to work, watch the sun too much, instead of watching their work.

**MECHANIC.**—A mechanic in this county does all sorts of wood work, and sometimes iron and brick work, and so we denominate them mechanics. The prices received for work of this kind is low, but enough to enable one to live comfortable in this county by being economical, and they are generally in quite good condition and satisfied.

**MILLWRIGHT.**—Carpenters, blacksmiths, cabinet-makers, shoe-makers, brick-masons, rock masons all get from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day and board. Millwrights from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars and board. Farm hands fifty cents. Generally work ten to twelve hours per day, and trade where they choose. Board is five to ten dollars per month, and schools generally good ones.

#### ANSON.

**MECHANIC.**—I think that we need some kind of system in Anson County worse than anything else. And we need more first-class workmen—men who, when they take contracts, know what they are doing—for when there is a public school-house or a bridge to let out, some man will run it down that don't know anything about the cost, or doing the work either; consequently there is not much demand for first-class workmen on public work.

**PAINTER.**—We have endeavored to answer your questions as correctly as we could—our judgment being quite limited on some of them. Money is not easily gotten now. Steady occupation is hard to obtain with reasonable support. More money is needed; better wages would suit the laboring class and improve business. Longer school terms—better teachers and fewer—better wages.

**CARPENTER.**—We have no trade union, or anything of the kind; but they are needed here very badly. Every laborer goes to work at sunrise and works until sundown. I wish some plan could be formed by which we might have a labor system in this community. We have good carpenters who have to work for from a dollar to a dollar and twenty-five cents per day on account of having no rules or regulations. We have many a man here working at the carpenter's trade who has never served an apprenticeship. There are many hundred laborers here who are paid in orders, and never see a cent of money, and are compelled to trade at one place.

**MECHANIC.**—The condition of the working class in this county is much better than last year; they are working harder and living cheaper. Farmers and renters are making a very strong effort to live cheaper and buy on the cash system; they have quit giving so many mortgages. The work for mechanics is dependent on the progress that the farmer makes. If the farmer prospers, we all have work enough to do, and at good prices.

## ASHE.

E. O.—Mechanics receive from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day and board (carpenters, brick-masons, &c). Farm labor, fifty to seventy-five cents and board. Wages are generally paid in cash when work is completed, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. Good board can be had at from four to six dollars per month. Our public schools are run about three to five months in winter. A railroad would put this county on a boom.

CARPENTER AND CABINET MAKER.—Better schools and better teachers would be a great help to us. There are too many teachers who don't know enough to teach. Too many jack-legs in the county—we need better mechanics. The style of house-building has changed very greatly since the steam saw mills have been introduced into our county. We need a railroad, tobacco factories, &c. This county can produce as fine tobacco as can be raised in the State. The Healing Springs of Ashe County are beginning to attract considerable attention. The condition of the working people is tolerable good—would be much better if they could get cash for their work; every one wants to pay in trade.

W. H. B.—Workingmen are out of employment much of their time, as farming is the principal occupation here. Very little apprenticeship in this county. The opening up of our vast amount of silver, copper and iron ores would *much* improve the condition of our laboring men. The lumber industry would and should be opened up, as we have very fine timber. There are no capitalists in this vicinity, consequently there is a scarcity of money, and no industry is thriving. We are from twenty to forty miles from any railroad, and therefore our minerals, timbers, stock and fine water power are worthless, so far.

## BEAUFORT.

W. B. R.—In my opinion, the colored laborers in agriculture (to whom my experience is confined)—are getting more averse to *continued* labor, with each new brood. Those on my plantation do not as an average (I mean the men) work over half their time. Some not over eight days out of the twenty-six that make a working month.

I think the greatest good that you, or the State by any of its agencies, can accomplish, is to found schools in which the *manual arts* shall be taught, along with the elementary branches of education. By the "manual arts" I mean the arts of working in wood and iron, and the general principles of mechanics and of keeping accounts.

An object of the Agricultural Bureau should be to educate young men qualified to be overseers or managers of farms, belonging to owners who are compelled to be absent, more or less, as most owners of even moderately sized farms are. The wages of this class of men are enough to procure a very good and intelligent set. I pay my overseer three hundred dollars per year, besides paying all the expenses of himself and family, now consisting of a wife and six children. I estimate his salary at six hundred dollars, with unlimited *opportunities*, some legitimate, and others not. I find it the most difficult thing in the world to get an honest and intelligent man to act as my overseer. His income is beyond that of any of our neighbors, and he soon thinks that the place is his own, and I can only convince him to the contrary by getting some other person to do as he did. A



school for overseers would be worth more than Chapel Hill, or Davidson, or the like, which make lawyers, and doctors and editors or preachers, but no practical men.

LUMBERMAN.—The thing most in the way of the prosperity of this county is the high rate of interest, premium, per cent., &c., charged by those who lend money and furnish supplies.

J. M. R.—The reason there is so much trifling work is because the workingman is so badly oppressed. If he has to borrow a little money or buy some supplies on time, he is made to pay such high per cent. that he never can pay the principal and finally must be sold out for the debt, and must then work for what ever pay he can get, be the price ever so small. The conclusion seems to be "get him poor and then keep him poor." The poor man sees that he is being oppressed and the result is he does poor work. If the laws of our State and county do not give a better showing to the working class, the bottom will soon drop out of the whole thing.

CARPENTER.—The main cause why work is so scarce and wages low is the fact that our farmers have had short crops for a number of years, and consequently have to make a very little money go a long way. Result is scarcity of work at very low wages.

MECHANIC.—There is very little steady regular work among the working class in this county. They are out of work a great part of their time, except those engaged at the saw-mills; they have regular work and fair pay, though they get pay mostly in trade at the stores. They get eighty cents to one dollar per day, twenty-six days per month.

PRINTER.—We have no apprentice system, nor labor organizations of any kind. I believe the condition of the white laboring class will compare favorably with that of any town or city in North Carolina. The average pay of the common laborer is about one dollar per day. A good comfortable house can be rented for five dollars per month, with a large garden plot attached. Shad can be bought for fifteen cents and twenty-five cents per pair; herring, fifty cents per hundred; corn, forty-five to fifty cents per bushel; fresh beef, from three to ten cents per pound; vegetables in abundance can be easily raised. We have no floating labor, and the supply rarely overbalances the demand, except in the worthless negro element, which generally finds an outlet on the neighboring farms. Our shipwrights, millwrights and first-class mechanics command from one dollar and fifty cents to three dollars and fifty cents per day. But the demand is not great for them. The existing state of affairs would be materially changed by a railroad outlet to the western part of the State, which would bring with it factories for the manufacture of our home products, thereby enhancing their value, building up our town, improving all branches of business and, of course, the workingman would receive his share of the general benefits. As it is, being in the centre of an agricultural country, with no manufacturing enterprises to fall back on, we must necessarily fluctuate as the crops prove prosperous or a failure. However, on the whole, I believe our laboring people are as happy and contented a lot as any town can boast of. Our young mechanics nearly all allied themselves with the temperance movement, which has existed in our town for the past two years. The most im-

portant need of the workingman is a good free school for the proper education of his children. There has been none taught in this town for the past two years. But the funds appropriated for this purpose have been accumulating, and is in the hands of a good committee, who will, at an early day, build a free school-house, and, I trust, establish a school worthy of our town.

The above synopsis will apply to most of our eastern towns, nearly all of which enjoy the same natural blessings that I have enumerated above. Any other information I will be pleased to impart.

BERTIE.

BLACKSMITH.—The condition of workingmen and their families is bad generally. In my opinion, there must be more work at better pay before there can be any improvement. There seems to be an over-supply in all lines, consequently a part of them are idle all the time.

CARPENTER.—I served an apprenticeship of five years before being allowed to contract as a mechanic. The trouble now is we have no apprentice system in this State, and men who have never learned the trade, but have picked up a little knowledge of tools call themselves mechanics, and will take work at any price almost, many times "over-draw" on it, and leave the job for somebody else to finish. All this operates against the honest, competent mechanic and makes it hard for him to get work at living prices. If there could be a law regulating this matter, it would be a great help all round.

CARPENTER.—In my opinion, the thing most needed by workingmen is *more industry*.

BRICK-MASON.—Have followed this trade sixteen years; usually work from sun to sun at one dollar and seventy-five cents per day, with much loss time. Receive about one-fourth of wages in cash, balance in trade or store orders. Labor in this county is entirely unorganized, and is under the necessity of working on just such terms, and at such prices as the employers choose to offer, and they are generally too low to make a living on.

BLADEN.

MECHANIC.—Times good about here; money is scarce, but we cannot complain; nobody was pushed nor closed out last season that I know of. Everybody seemed to be able to settle up for the past year smoothly and quietly. If we lack anything, it is individual industry. If more perseverance was used this township would be rich in a short time. I am a one-legged man—lost my leg in the late war—have raised a family since, and never gave a mortgage in my life, never was pushed for a contract, and have got along finely, and cannot see why any one else cannot do as well. I live at Woodville, and can recommend this part of the county for its beauty, good water, good timber and fertile lands and mild climate.

WHEELWRIGHT AND BLACKSMITH.—Mechanics will have to have some system about wages; there are so many half-handed mechanics that it is hard for a good mechanic to get work at fair prices. I work at home on my farm a good part of the time for want of employment at my trade at a living price.

CARPENTER.—There are too many common mechanics; with less of these the No. 1 workmen could get ready employment at fair pay.



**BLACKSMITH.**—A great many laborers have gone from this section to Georgia and South Carolina, from time to time, to work on turpentine farms. Many of them returned home about Christmas with no more money than they had when they started away. If they would stay at home and work, they would be better off.

**BRUNSWICK.**

**BLACKSMITH.**—I live in the country on my farm and only work at my trade a part of my time. When at work by the day, I get one dollar and fifty cents per day of ten to twelve hours, about half cash, balance in trade. Nearly all mechanics in this county follow some other occupation in connection with their trade, otherwise they would be unemployed a great part of their time.

**CARPENTER.**—We get very little cash for our work—I might as well say none. We have to take trade or nothing, and often the employer has not got such goods as we want, but that makes no difference. We need to be protected from imposition of this kind, and also from the botches and cobblers that have neither knowledge nor tools, and yet they undertake work and keep prices down below a living point. If any relief can be had in law, I am in favor of it.

**MECHANIC.**—With regard to what would do the county of Brunswick good in its present condition, I must say I can hardly answer that question; but can tell you our condition and some of our needs, as I understand them. We have no capital to carry on any manufacturing business, and therefore cannot give employment to our laborers. We have a great deal of good land that is not in cultivation for the lack of capital to put it in condition, and, as you are aware, a country so situated is not likely to be able to employ and pay its mechanics and laborers. If we borrow money, we have to mortgage everything and pay a rate of interest that we cannot afford.

**BLACKSMITH.**—There is no doubt about the necessity of workingmen having a better understanding with each other. They should be united in some way and have well regulated plans to be governed by, and cease injuring each other by their opposition and competition.

**LABORER.**—From my experience and observation, I am of the opinion that the only thing that can be done to improve the condition of the workingman, is by improving the finances of the country, and develop some plan by which a better price can be obtained for the products of the farm. Then the farmer could give higher wages to the mechanic or laborer that he employs. This is an agricultural country, and any permanent improvement must come through the farmer.

**CARPENTER AND MASON.**—I know of nothing that would improve our labor system in this community so much as to give us protection for the mechanics against the jack-legs who have never served an apprenticeship and know nothing about work, or the value of work.

**ENGINEER.**—A great deal of the labor in this county is engaged in work of one kind or another on vessels and boats, though the rice plantations and wood cutters employ a great many. The boatmen usually get cash, while those working in rice and wood cutting are usually paid in store orders for merchandize.

## BUNCOMBE.

MACHINIST.—There being but one little machine-shop at this place, I cannot obtain better wages. Formerly when I lived at Knoxville, Tenn., I received one hundred dollars per month in cash. My observation is that this is a very poor place for mechanics; there are no enterprising manufacturing class of citizens here. What few are here want a great deal of labor and very small pay. As to what would improve the condition of the working class is, a better class of manufacturers, men that can appreciate the difference between a mechanic and a common laborer—the latter class get much better pay than the mechanic.

HARNESS-MAKER.—We generally have plenty of work now, but wages are low, and everything we have to buy is high. I have been working at this business thirty years, and have made nothing more than a bare living. Many of our citizens have left here, seeking a better place, and it will be my time next unless wages improve.

PAINTER.—We are having some trouble getting our apprentices to stick until they complete their trade. They want you to learn them all about the business in a few months, and as soon as they learn to use a brush pretty well, they quit and go to contracting as first-class journeymen.

CARPENTER.—My opinion as to what would improve the condition of workingmen is, that they should take an interest in themselves, and thoroughly inform themselves as to their rights and duties, by reading the best labor and mechanical journals they can get, and do all they can to maintain the dignity of their calling; take no part in boycotting, and be careful to give no encouragement to unkind feelings and strikes, but endeavor to apply the golden rule as far as possible.

CARRIAGE AND WAGON-MAKER.—The prices in this line are pretty low—one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars per day, paid weekly in cash. Money is scarce, and this has the effect of making work slack and wages low. I believe the scarcity of money is due in large measure to the present monetary system. All legislation on the money question since the war has been in the interest of the money sharks and against the laboring masses.

WHEELWRIGHT AND COOPER.—Business as to labor here is run on a cash system and workmen are paid at the end of week. If hands fail to get pay at the end of week, they often file laborer's lien and stop work until payment is made. I think the labor interest is greatly improved here in the past five years. Orders on stores are hardly known, as all business is on a cash basis. Good hands are seldom out of employment. There is a great deal of unfaithfulness on the part of laborers.

PLASTERER.—In our city there are from fifty to two hundred men out of employment out of a population of five thousand. The labor mostly employed is cheap labor, while good mechanics are thereby thrown out of employment or have to work for nearly nothing. The contractors in my line, and almost all others, take apprentices who, when their time is about out, quit and go to work as journeymen. A negro apprentice seems to be preferred to a white one. The condition of the working class here is indeed a poor one, many of them barely living comfortably. We have no labor laws, which, I believe if we did have,



would be an advantage. We have two labor orders—Knights of Labor and Carpenters' Union.

BURKE.

CARPENTER.—There is great need on the part of workingmen of all trades for organization or association of some sort, so that they may have more understanding with each other, and not put the prices of their labor so low that they cannot live decently; the cut throat competition between workingmen should cease. There is another thing to which I wish to call attention. It is the unjust and unnatural discrimination against white workmen by their own race. It is strange that there should be any necessity for a word on this subject; but there is, for there are many times in my own observation where white men have actually been refused work and negroes employed.

BRICK-MASON.—I have never served any regular apprenticeship at my trade, and have rather a poor showing, although I can do first-class work and get two dollars per day when employed, but am out of work about half the time. We work about eleven hours per day here; ten hours should be a day's work.

BRICK-MAKER AND MASON.—Workingmen have seen harder times the past three years than in the past twenty. It is not only so in my trade, but in all trades. Work has been very dull and wages low. I have been unemployed seven months the past year. Wages, when employed, one dollars and fifty cents per day, about half of that in merchandise. Ordinary laborers receive from forty to seventy-five cents per day.

TINNER.—The laboring people of this section need many things, but most of all they need work. Not a third of them are employed with any regularity. This is a good country, blessed with all natural resources—mineral, timber, water-power, &c., of the best, but we need capitalists to establish industries that will open up and develop these things, and give employment to labor. We have very little money here. Farmers, laborers and all have to take merchandise mostly.

CABARRUS.

G. M. W.—Cash paid for labor, or trade at cash prices, would benefit the laboring class. As a rule, employees and tenants are charged from fifty to one hundred per cent. above cash prices during the year, and at the close of the year their crop is taken at cash prices, and produce is always lower just then than at any other time of the year, so it takes about two or three bushels of corn to pay for one used during the summer season; and factory employees are charged about fifty per cent. above cash prices during the month for provisions, while they are working at cash prices.

Professional men charge more for one hour's work than a laboring man can make in a week or a month, and sometimes in a year's hard work. The landlord and tenant act would be a better law, if it would prohibit the landlord from charging the tenant such unreasonable prices for supplies. Mortgaging the growing crop is a step down the road to poverty, and should not be allowed by law. We need a law that will bring labor, whether by lawyer, doctor, mechanic, landlord or tenant on a more equal footing.

It is impossible for a common laborer to pay from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars to a doctor to amputate a limb, and support a family. My opinion is that

a law to bring all labor, or price of labor of all professions on a more equal basis, would not cause the rich to suffer or the poor to starve; it would give Lazarus more crumbs, the rich man a better heart, humanity benefitted, and God honored.

CARPENTER.—That which in my opinion would improve the country, and better the condition of workingmen and their families, is a good substantial labor government.

BRICK-MASON AND PLASTERER.—We need more work and better wages. I believe the formation of trades unions will help bring these about.

C. B. G.—Wages are very low; working people can hardly live. The county is getting very bad off. We do not get work more than half the time.

BRICK-LAYER AND PLASTERER.—There is only one trades union in our town; they are a good thing, but there is a prejudice against them, and many of our workingmen are afraid to join for fear they will be discharged.

G. W. D.—I am running a mill for the owner on shares. I get one-third of the toll that the mill makes and pasturage; he pays all expenses for running the same; he also furnishes free of rent, house and outbuildings, truck-patches for cow. In regard to labor laws, I think they are good enough so far as I understand them. Perhaps it would be well to extend the time longer in which to file a lien, but our workingmen have had very little trouble on that score. The condition of the farmers and especially the tenants and their families are not as good as one would wish. The greatest evil they have to contend with is the mortgage system, and the only remedy that I see is either to repeal the homestead law or reduce it to a very small figure. I think that it has outlived its usefulness. This would not only help the tenant, but the small farmer also, who, I regret to say, does not always raise his hog and hominy. Instead of paying enormous prices for supplies, he could then borrow money at say six or eight per cent. I will stop writing, hoping you will be able to accomplish great good for the laboring classes.

CABINET-MAKER.—Confidence in each other and joint stock companies among workingmen, for the purpose of purchasing and running machinery of their own, together with a reduction of the tariff on iron and other necessities, is what we need, that the farmer may produce wheat, corn, and bacon, &c., for less money. All of which will eventually break down the monopolies that are now grinding the lives out of the working class. The above, I should like to impress upon the mind of every mechanic in the land.

MECHANIC.—I regret the existence of the Homestead Act. The mortgages seem to be an incubus. Confidence seems destroyed. Infidelity to principle seems growing under the mortgage system.

It seems to me that a removal of the homestead law would be a great advantage in making risks less and the necessary per cent. on goods less; then a tariff as low as is practicable would render it possible for workingmen to live within such wages as the farmers can pay, and yet compete with the great corn and wheat fields of the west, as they are now within such easy reach of every place of demand.

We have no trades unions. I am afraid of the abuses outweighing their uses.



## CALDWELL.

BRICK-MASON.—I can hardly suggest what is most needed in developing our country and benefitting the labor thereof, unless it be a little more capital and the liberal use of it. We have timber, the mineral and the workmen, but we need capital that will utilize these. There is not much mechanical work done here. Most all mechanics work on farm more or less as well as at their trades. There is work plenty for all who will do it. I work at my trade about half my time and run a small farm. I can make a living very easily.

This is the country for workingmen to come to buy land. It is good and sells cheap now. They can find a home here, and by farming, and working at their trades at spare time they can make a living very well.

BRICK-MASON, &C.—If we had monied men to come among us with the capital to improve our country, it would be a good thing for us and profitable to them. We have timber, mineral and the workmen. We ought to have some system in our laboring people—so much per hour—ten hours for a day's labor. I do not work regularly for wages; I make on farm what I use at home, and what I make by wages is so much clear. My advice to men who have no land of their own is, come up into this country and buy land while it is cheap (you can buy a good farm very cheap now) and not depend on your labor so much; you can make a living and not work half your time. Farm labor is cheaper than any other labor. Carpenters, common, one dollar and twenty-five cents and board; first-class, one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars per day and board; masons, from two to three dollars per day; farm hands, fifty cents per day and board—eight to fifteen dollars per month and board; cotton factory, from seven to fifteen dollars per month, for girls; they generally work twelve hours per day. People never fail to get employment in this county if they will work.

## CAMDEN.

ENGINEER AND MILLWRIGHT.—There ought to be a law requiring all engineers to obtain a license as to competency to handle an engine, as there is in some of the States. Any one who can build a fire in an engine and start it up is considered an engineer now, notwithstanding the frequent explosions and loss of life therefrom. I also think there should be a law requiring apprentices to serve a certain length of time under competent engineers before being permitted to take charge of an engine. All boilers should be inspected and tested annually.

WHEELWRIGHT AND BLACKSMITH.—Times are very dull in this country, owing, I think, to the system of farming in vogue here. The farmers have been in the habit of hiring hands for the crop season—after that laborers were mostly idle balance of the year. Men with families could not live in that way, and they went to farming for themselves, but having nothing to begin on, they had to buy on time and mortgage everything, or work as tenant for some landlord. The result has been that neither landlord nor tenant have made anything. Farmers here do not work enough—not many of them work over half their time. They plant cotton and buy hay and pork from the North, and come out behind each year.

SAWYER.—We need the ten-hour system in this State to improve the labor in the public work, and we are getting small pay for the long and hot days, and shove and push from sun to sun. Everything seems to be getting better in this

county; farm hands, from ten to fifteen dollars per month and board; mill and lumber hands, from twenty to twenty-six and thirty dollars and board. One thing we are doing wrong in this State, and that is sending the round timbers to the State of Virginia to be utilized; that is unjust to labor and the State also. We need more home manufactures to give labor something to do and make wages better.

ENGINEER.—Any man who studies his employer's interest; can get steady employment. As to my own trade I believe the present orders or societies of engineers and trades' unions generally do harm, from the fact that they keep worthy men frequently out of employment, because they are not willing to bind themselves to obey orders from a society that cannot know of the necessities that may have governed others. As for myself, if I cannot get high wages I take less, rather than let my family suffer or depend for a small pittance from an order when out of work. Honest work for honest wages, to my way of thinking, is the only thing that will help the wage earner.

BRICK-MASON.—There is no system among workingmen here—it is all a grab game. The trouble is, there are so many jack-legs who are no workmen, but can imitate. They are in all trades, they work for wages that are but little better than the wages of the common laborer and shut good mechanics out. Tradesmen should be graded and licensed just as school teachers are.

WOOD-WORKER.—I think the working class are better off than formerly, wages are better and more money is received for wages and less store orders. I believe organization is badly needed among all classes of our workingmen.

CARPENTER.—There are only three white and four colored carpenters here that have served apprenticeship, while there are at least a dozen black and white that have taken it up in the last two or three years, and to get work they underbid us so that we can hardly get anything to do, unless we would work for nothing. As a sample there was a piazza to be erected twenty by eight with two pairs of high roof, four columns, blinds to hang and a sliding door to the parlor included; my bid was twenty dollars, when one bid was ten dollars. You can see by these figures what our prospects are.

CARTERET.

BRICK-MASON AND PLASTERER.—I have been working at the trade of laying bricks and plastering forty years, but where I live there is very little to do for a master mechanic unless you come down to the figures of that class that is going about working for half the price that I could live on. I will lay down my tools and quit work before I will work for what they work for. I own a small farm of four hundred acres on which I make a small quantity of provisions, and expect to make a support when I get land enough open. So I will not have to depend on my trowel for a living. I am getting old—not able to do much work. I am in my fifty-ninth year.

CARPENTER.—I am generally employed about five or six months in the year at my trade of carpenter, and the balance of my time I find employment on my little farm, which I, with the help of children, tend. I have a small stock of ponies, cattle and hogs, and upon the whole I about make both ends meet keeping clear of debt, trading where I chose, belonging to no one.



SHIP CARPENTER.—I am not employed regularly; built only one steamboat last year. I think if we could get the trade turned toward Beaufort harbor, it would be a blessing to this section and for the good of the whole State. Work is very scarce here now.

A. W.—It is easier to tell what we need than how to get it; we need good crops and a lower rate of interest; better prices for our produce. The merchants sell for high prices in the spring and pay low prices in the fall, and it takes about two years to pay for supplies for one, and so we jog along at a pretty hard rate.

SHIP CARPENTER.—Our system in the ship building line is pretty well regulated; the only trouble is, we do not have regular work—too much lost time.

MASON.—I think there should be unity of action among the laboring people in this State; they should organize labor unions for self-protection and make our influence felt.

ENGINEER AND MACHINIST.—We need capital to give employment to the workmen; the mechanics are out of employment half their time, and have to depend upon fishing and oystering the balance of their time in order to live. A good cotton factory and steam navigation would give employment to all. There is nothing the women can do in this country.

A. J. M.—I am farming on my own farm, but answer as to the prevailing custom in vogue among the laboring class of the community. This cannot be classed as an agricultural community, as the people are generally fishermen or timber getters, which have been their trades from the earliest period. It is a people of no farming desire, and I think their condition could be materially improved by an industrious set of immigrants coming among them, and let them see that agriculture can be made as profitable here as in any part of the State.

The lumberman is generally bound to the merchants and mill man, the fisherman to the huckster, who reap all the profit of the business, and the laborer generally get a very scanty support out of his business.

We have a good section; wanting energy and a little capital to develop it, and I am surprised that people from the more thickly settled country, where lands are generally poor and high priced, do not come here, where land, good and very cheap can be had in large or small quantities.

PAINTER.—In compliance with your request, I fill up the blank as correctly as is possible, without making much inquiry. There is no regular system by which the laboring class are controlled here. Generally there is but little use for mechanics here—often compelled to go from home for employment. The principal interest of our county is her fishing facilities, though her lands are very productive. There are many small farmers in our county, while there are a few who cultivate the soil on a large scale. The majority of Carteret county's population depend almost wholly on her water productions, and a bounteous old mother she is to her seeking children. You ask what is my humble judgment. We most need to improve the condition of the laboring classes. I would answer, we want large-hearted, energetic strangers, with means, and deaf to the croakings of old fogysm, who are satisfied to plod on in the way of their ancestors, who care nothing for public or private advancement, so their few simple wants were gratified. Here there are forests of timber for the lumberman; a climate fully adapted to

the desire of the truckman; an opening for the establishment of canning factories which would furnish employment for hundreds. In a word, we want men of energy and public spirit to come among us and point out the road to prosperity.

PRINTER.—The menhaden and porpoise fishermen average from fifteen to forty dollars per month. Our mullet and other fishermen average from ten to thirty dollars per month; our brick-masons, from one dollar and seventy-five cents to two dollars and fifty cents per day; our carpenters, from one dollar and twenty-five cents to two dollars per day.

COOPER.—Some good system among laborers and mechanics, as well as those who employ labor would be of great benefit to this section. We need some men with capital to come among us and start business that will give employment to labor, and thus benefit the whole community.

The prices for work in my trade is so low that one can hardly make a living, and many have to follow fishing in connection with it. We only get fifteen and twenty cents for our barrels.

MECHANIC.—Mechanics find it very hard to get employment here, and lose much of their time. On account of the water privileges enjoyed by the people of our county, we are enabled to support our families with more ease, and do not feel the dearth of trade employment so keenly as would be the case in localities away from the seashore. The menhaden business affords employment to many of our people, and the shell-fishing, huckstering, and other industries depending upon the water, make up our chief revenue. Trucking is also engaged in to some extent. In consequence, the condition of the working class is reasonably good. More free schools, and some improvement in the school management, would greatly benefit the laboring classes. Owing to a recent fire the majority of our mechanics are at present employed.

MECHANIC AND FISHERMAN.—If we had more and better public schools the working people would be greatly benefitted. Our chances for making a living surpass those of many sections of our State. We handle very little money, but are able to obtain from the water a great deal of our living. We can live on luxuries and go ragged with very little effort. Ninety per cent. of our laboring men own a home, and some kind of a water-craft, and, as a rule are as independent as any people in the State. The catching of menhaden, or fat-backs, is largely engaged in, and the industry is a great help to our people. To sum it all up, we have the richest set of poor men, and the poorest set of rich men that can be found on the globe, and there does not seem to be any improvement in either class.

FISHERMAN AND BOATMAN.—Labor will always be nothing or very little until there is an effort made, and a united effort made, to unite and be self-supporting in political matters. For instance a member of Congress will go to Washington, and vote for a bill to allow six or seven thousand dollars to a party for contesting a seat in Congress, or to pay the funeral expenses of a member that dies, and appropriate a certain sum of money for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and will allow two or three bosses two hundred and fifty or three hundred dollars per month to do nothing, and the men that do the work will get seventy-five cents or one dollar per day, and only get pay for what time he works. This is the way the work goes on here, and the only way to stop it is by the workingmen uniting and working against such work—in every department.



## CASWELL.

SAWYER.—I work at saw-milling part of the time, and farm the balance of the year when not engaged at sawing. The mills in this county do not run long at a time. There is perfect harmony between employers and their workmen in all cases when both are disposed to do right.

## CATAWBA.

CARPENTER.—The carpentering business in this county is pretty flat. The greatest number of carpenters are out of employment, and were it not for this section being a good agricultural county it would be impossible to live here. A great deal could be said in reference to the laboring men and women of the county, but I would rather see something done for their relief than hear it talked of—results are better than theory. You might learn something of interest from some who are employed at other occupations—for instance the operatives in cotton factories. I am quite willing to do anything in my power to advance the interests of the laboring classes the world over. Stir the thing up, and give us true and unbiased reports, and it may be the next Legislature will do something.

CARPENTER.—I think the laboring class should not be cutting at one another in prices for work, and thus reduce the work that is before us, but should be mindful of each other's good, and try to help each other. There ought to be a law reducing the number of immigrants coming to this country.

WAGON-MAKER.—I think if one hand does as much as another, whether it be done by woman or man, they should get same pay for it. Wages are down pretty low now. They say there is a better day coming. I hope to see it.

J. M. C.—I hardly know what to say on this subject—it is so broad, and so much could and ought to be said on it. I think the work hours ought to be cut down from twelve to ten hours a day, and that the wages ought to be increased about twenty-five per cent. for the work hands. I think the liquor business ought to be entirely wiped out of existence, for I believe that to be one of the greatest causes of hard times and high taxes. I think that the public roads and streets ought to be worked by taxation. The usual price paid for farm hands is from forty to fifty cents per day, or from ten to twelve dollars per month and board. Apprentices get about fifty or sixty cents per day while serving their trade. We have not any labor laws or unions in our vicinity, but we have several farmers' clubs which are doing nobly. I think we need prohibition laws here more than anything else just now. I do not think there is enough interest taken in the school work; we need a permanent school here; the public school does not last more than three months in the year, but the people are so careless that a subscription school can not be gotten up, or none, at least for any length of time.

SUPERINTENDENT COTTON-MILL.—There are two small cotton mills in this section. Employees generally keep clear of debt and live well, and dress the same—except in a few cases where only one of two of a family work. I think there are two things that would add to their welfare and comfort, and the first is for them to learn judiciously how to spend their money and lay up some for a "rainy day." This, perhaps, in three-fourths of families can be done, where we only find one occasionally now. I believe ten and a half or eleven hours should be a day's

work, where some mills are now making over twelve hours, which surely is too much for children. If there could be a system arranged for shorter hours, and employees learn to economize, perhaps their educational advantages could be bettered. If cotton spinning continues to grow in years to come as in the last twenty years, it will be a serious affair unless some way shall be provided for the better education of employees. Shorter work time, and night schools, if no better.

#### CHATHAM.

WAGON-MAKER.—Chatham county is considered a good county, but there is not much going on except farming, and that is not carried on as it might be. Our farmers spend too much of their time at stores, buy too much guano and plant too much cotton. We do not raise grain enough to feed our population one-half the year. Chatham used to sell a great deal of grain and flour, but now we have to buy largely. There are good, natural resources in this county—a good place for manufacturing of all kinds, mining, &c. We have no regular system of wages or hours, work for all sorts of prices, but no doubt do as well as other counties generally.

BRICK-LAYER AND PLASTERER.—I think the mortgage system, and the custom of being “run” by landlords and merchants, are great hindrances. I do not know that I can suggest a remedy, as these customs have gained such standing. Possibly good schools and the general diffusion of intelligence would be the best remedy.

I think, too, that convict labor should not be put into competition with honest labor. A legislative enactment against this seems to me desirable.

I think we might hope to rise above all our troubles if the spirit of the golden rule could obtain between the employer and the employee.

CARPENTER.—I can tell you what hurts the carpentering business in this section. It is so many following the trade who know nothing about it—have never served an apprenticeship. They only know how to use tools a little, and people hire them because they are cheap. Some of them have families to support, and yet they work for fifty and seventy-five cents a day and board themselves. They merely exist themselves and deprive a competent carpenter of a living. A man should be compelled to serve an apprenticeship at the trade he proposes to follow.

FIREMAN (STATIONARY).—The laboring class of people in this county have to work for what they can get—from fifty to seventy-five cents per day, and have to loose much time at that. We have never had any system as to wages or hours. We go to work as soon as we can see and work till it is dark. I think ten hours is enough for a day's work.

MECHANIC.—In my opinion the ten-hour system would improve the condition of the several hundred employees at work in the industries along Deep River. A few workingmen and some women are paid living wages, while others are hardly paid at all.

W. F. V.—Trades unions I know little of. The apprentice system is entirely played out here, consequently the county is full of shoddy workmen working for a bare living. Laboring people of all classes are hard run to live, because there is but little demand for labor and nothing but the lowest wages is offered and none of that in money.



You ask what would improve the workingman's condition. I answer, equal laws. Let him buy in the cheapest market and sell where he pleases; cease protecting capital at the expense of labor; cease making him pay one dollar and seventy cents for one dollar's worth of sugar or clothing—and he will cease complaining of hard times. We have enough of schools to do very well if they were only as good as they might be. Our public schools have sadly degenerated; it seems the teaching all fell into the hands of very young inexperienced persons. No discipline is maintained at all. The teachers stay their time out, draw their pay and nobody is benefitted but themselves. Our higher schools seem to teach that education is the end instead of the means.

CARPENTER.—I am sure the condition of the common farmer is better by at least twenty-five per cent. than last year. We have no Knights of Labor in this county.

The only way to improve the common laborer and farmer is to educate his children, and that will improve and make something of them. Let the old dogs die out, and we will have a better race. Give the people a chance to educate their children, and you will do more for the common class than anything else that can be done. How can any one educate a child with six weeks' schooling in the year? Let us have at least four months' schooling in each district each year, with a penalty for a parent to fail to send his or her child.

There are three classes in the country, and two of them are opposed to public schools; the first is the man that is able to board his children off at school, and the other is the one that don't care a whit whether his children are educated or not; the middle class are those that would if they had a chance. But some will say, O yes, all can get an education now. But stop! look here; I have, say, only three children which I can spare to attend school; but there is no school. Why don't I make up a subscription school? Because I am not able to run a school by myself, and can get no one to help me in it.

I say tax the people enough to run a school four months in the year, and it will be the best thing that has ever been done for the common farmer, for he would get his tax back in schooling for his children, and if he was not satisfied at that he would be hard to satisfy.

MECHANIC.—I think a modification of the tariff would be beneficial to the laboring men.

J. D. W.—Labor organizations and trades unions have not, as yet, taken any hold in this section, and I do not see that we need them. The Farmers' Alliance, to which farm laborers, mechanics, &c., are admitted, has recently been organized here, and is, I think, likely to accomplish some good.

As to labor laws, I do not know that any material change could be made that would be of benefit to the laboring classes. Some have suggested a repeal of the Homestead law, but I think this would operate rather against than for us.

The condition of the laboring class in this section is far from what we would desire. Few men who work for wages are accumulating anything; though, unlike many men who "farm it on their own hook," most of us live within our income. But our wages will not enable us to live as well as men in other callings. It is only by hard work and strict economy that we get along at all. We are unable to give our children the educational advantages which many enjoy. Little, indeed, is being done in the way of education among us.

This state of affairs points to one of our most pressing needs—a better public-school system. Our schools are kept open only about three months per year, and that often at a time when working people are obliged to keep their children at home, or in the severe winter weather, when the small children cannot attend. Besides, many of the teachers employed do not have the qualifications which a teacher should possess.

Comparing the condition of the laboring classes, with their condition several years ago, we may have made some progress in some respects, but our advancement has not been in proportion to that of the men engaged in various occupations in our towns and cities.

A. J. G.—The low prices of farm products make wages low. In other counties the land is better and they can raise more and sell cheaper; this affects the prices of our own produce and that, in time, affects the price of labor. The workingmen who are industrious get along very well, but there are many who loaf and fish and hunt and still expect to make money, and because they do not, are disposed to complain and put the blame on something else.

C. B. S.—I do not know whether it is proper to say it here or not, but my opinion of the tariff is, that it ought to be taken off. I am a young man, and will not attempt to explain why it should be taken off, but it ought to be done. I believe our people need education as much as anything else, and most of them could get some education if they would try. My father is a very poor man, so poor that he could not send me to school at all, but I work awhile and go to school awhile, and thus am getting an education.

MOULDER.—Chatham is a good county, but there is not much business carried on except farming, and most of that is done in a sort of slack way; their corn-cribs and smoke-houses are too far off, and they use too much guano. The condition of the farmer generally regulates wages of all classes of workingmen. There is no rule as to hours of labor or wages. We have good, natural resources; if capital could be induced to take hold and develop them times would be better.

D. P. D.—I am a carpenter by trade. Work was scarce in this section, and I concluded I would farm. Horse, land and implements were furnished, I to get half. Am compelled to trade with the landlord. He is merchandising, and charges extravagant prices for everything I buy. At the close of the year he takes everything I make, and I come off in debt. I hardly know what would be best for the workingmen, unless they could get better wages. As a general thing, in this section, they have to take an order to the store; then they are charged double price for things they are compelled to have or they must suffer.

We could live better if money was paid for labor, instead of an order at the store. Workingmen have a hard time to live in this section as it is.

W. L. H.—There is no apprentice system here. The mechanics seem to have been born full-journeymen mechanics. The want of an apprentice system is the cause of much of the discord that exists among workingmen here. A man will help some mechanic do a job for a few days, then get a few tools and starts out a full mechanic and bids for work. He fails to get it, and begins to bid lower and lower until he bids the thing in the ground. The country is full of these so-called mechanics; their trade has cost them nothing, and they can work for almost nothing.



ing; and although their work is a botch from beginning to end, the people will try them because they work cheap. Business is oppressed among mechanics in this way until the wolf is at the door.

TANNER.—Business is not as good as it was last year. Leather is low in the Northern markets, and there is no profit in the business. I sold leather in the rough last spring at twenty-four cents per pound, and this spring could get only seventeen cents. The price of hides has not reduced in same proportion. All this makes business dull and wages low.

CARPENTER.—I am in favor of a protective tariff, and I think workingmen ought to be protected also. The mechanics and laborers' lien law should be so amended that a man could get pay for making coffins. I have lost money enough on coffins to buy me a good home if I had it. Labor should be respected and protected; when labor is oppressed the whole country is damaged to that extent.

#### CHEROKEE.

BRICK-MAKER AND LAYER.—One reason why wages are no better here is the fact that workingmen rush in and cut under each other and take work for most any price that is offered, for fear they will get out of a job for a few days.

CARPENTER.—My opinion is, that the completion of our railroad will do much for all classes of our people. It will provide employment of various kinds of our laborers and mechanics, which is very much needed now. Prices will be better, no doubt, and it will be possible for our working class to live decently and send their children to school. Our county is rich in mineral resources, but labor is cheap and articles of living high, dry goods, &c., especially.

CARPENTER.—Workingmen generally are in a bad condition. They get work sometimes, but oftener they do not, and prices are low; mechanics get from one to one dollar and fifty cents, and a few one dollar and seventy-five cents.

PAINTER.—This place (Murphy) is on a boom, and wages are rapidly increasing.

MECHANIC.—There are so many unskilled laborers passing off for mechanics and working for such low wages, that a mechanic who knows his trade, and depends upon it for a living can hardly support his family. These cobblers could not frame a pig-pen right, have never served any apprenticeship, take what work they can get, and work on the farm when not otherwise engaged. We need factories, too, to give the women employment.

PAINTER.—I think that there should be two separate unions—skilled and unskilled; and I think they should work in harmony in their several orders. There are no apprentices here—all are "contractors" after the first week's work. A gentleman here employed a man who had never served a day at the trade, at fifty cents per day to paint his residence. All other trades are thus abused. The majority of workmen are paid here in store orders. I do first-class work, and can command cash for such work as others cannot do. I am strongly in favor of the mechanics' union, although I am not a member, and excluding all from the union that cannot pass an examination as first, second, third and fourth class workmen, and rate their price according to their work—all others to be classed as laborers. There are no regulations here whatsoever, but I think a union can be organized if properly pushed.

BRICK-MASON.—In this locality, indeed in all of North Carolina west of Blue Ridge, there is not enough brick work done, except at Asheville, to give regular employment more than half the year; hence we are obliged to follow something else part of the time. I have not, for many years, been dependent entirely on my trade for a living, if I had been, I should have been compelled to change my place of abode. The majority of mechanics in Western North Carolina have to supplement their earnings by running a farm, or something of that kind. Western North Carolina is beginning to develop, and, in my opinion, has a grand prospect just ahead; and my advice to all laboring men is to stick to the old State. I have travelled over a great deal of the west and south-west looking about for a home. Give me North Carolina, especially Cherokee County.

CARPENTER.—Work is fairly good, but wages are not what they should be, because workmen from other places come in and work cheap and crowd prices down.

J. F. A.—I am of opinion that money is in greater abundance and is more often used to a good advantage than ever before in my time. There is more demand for labor, and prices are higher, and better workmen are employed than ever before.

LABORER.—We need better wages and more opportunity for work. There is hardly any work for women to do that they can earn a half a living at. I know plenty of women who work for seventy-five cents per week, and it is the best they can do.

CARPENTER.—We have about 15 carpenters in our little town (Murphy). They all are generally employed, wages ranging from one dollar to two dollars per day, some fourth-rate workmen at seventy-five cents per day. I can live cheaper now than I could two years ago.

#### CHOWAN.

MECHANIC.—More work, more economy and less waste of time I think is what is needed.

WOOD WORKER.—We need factories. They build up towns, the people are benefitted by them, the mechanics and laborers spend their money with the merchants, and the merchants supply the needs of the people. No town ever grows to any considerable size unless there is something to give employment to labor. There is no organization among workingmen here. Wages are always better where there is organization.

CARPENTER.—I will just say that times are better at present for laboring men than they have been in the past. The most carpenters in this section are negroes. They average about twenty dollars per month through the year. I had steady employment during the past year, while about two-thirds of the time others had steady employment.

PRINTER.—Labor here, at this season of the year, increases, on account of the fishing business, but is not so good in the summer. Work in every branch, however, remains good. No one need remain idle who is willing to work, and all can get fair wages. Besides farming, right here in our town, we have two large



saw-mills, giving employment to from seventy-five to one hundred hands daily the year round. Steamers and railroads, giving some one hundred and fifty or more steady employment.

I do not approve of the present apprentice system in our trade, for employers will pick up any one they can find, put him at the case, and as soon he gets so he can set a little type, discharge one of the journeymen. I favor one apprentice, at a time, till he becomes too far advanced to do devil's work, then another, but not until the first one has served two years.

The working classes are getting along very well, so far as comes under my observation, but I do think if they would do away with the credit and mortgage systems, they would be greatly benefitted; also to demand their *full wages* in money and be allowed to trade where they choose, always however, paying *cash* for everything.

I believe the greatest drawback to the male portion of the laboring class is the whisky habit. I have been a drinking man, and know the effects, especially with those of family. My advice to all workingmen is, demand your full pay in money, spend it where you please, do not mortgage your property or crops, and do away with the use of all intoxicating liquors, and they will find themselves benefitted far more than they think for. But first of all pay cash for what they buy.

COACH AND HOUSE PAINTER.—In regard to trades unions, we have none in this section. Neither any apprentice system. So far as I know, we have no special labor laws except those of the State. As to the condition of working men and their families, it is very poor indeed. As a general rule, they are very hard laborers indeed, and yet receive but little compensation for their labor, consequently they are compelled to live very sparingly.

As to what would improve the condition of the working class, I am unable to tell, yet I do say that it is high time for something to be done which would prove to be beneficial to them, not only in this immediate vicinity, but throughout the whole eastern part of this State. I substantiate this assertion from my own extended observations, as I have worked in ten different towns in the eastern part of the State, and am pretty well acquainted with the condition of the working class generally.

CLAY.

MECHANIC.—I think we need men of capital to come and develop the mineral and other resources of the country, and give mechanics and laborers employment at remunerative wages which they could do, and I think, will do soon. I know this would improve this country. Minerals of nearly all kinds are here; stone and timber in great abundance and water-power almost without limit.

CARPENTER.—For the three years past money has been very scarce and times very hard. I think a change would be best.

CLEVELAND.

GUNSMITH.—you can employ men at one dollar per day, that bid off jobs at such low rates that first-class workmen cannot afford to work at.

The mortgage system is very hard on those who have to run on time. They have to pay about thirty per cent. more for provisions than cash prices, and in

some instances eight per cent. interest. Such living will bring us to poverty. Using too much commercial fertilizer is injuring our farmers. I think more compost and less bought manures would be a help.

GUNSMITH.—There is less call for new guns than there was ten years ago. The many styles of breech-loading guns have taken the place of muzzle-loading guns, hence the trade is limited more to repairing.

We are using some improved utensils for farming. I find them too high-priced generally for farmers who farm on a small scale. We need home manufactures and implements that have no patents on them, as all instruments are dear that are patented.

SADDLE AND HARNESS-MAKER.—I work altogether by the piece. I made last year, by close work, two hundred and forty-five dollars, which was about one dollar per day for the days worked; received in pay part cash and part trade; work from sun up to sundown.

PAINTER.—The workingmen in our county are doing very well, although it could be improved if there was work for them all the year round. Part of them are idle about one-third of their time from inability to obtain work. Wages are very low and will continue to be until the workingmen themselves set to work to remedy the evil. At present there is too much undercutting.

BLACKSMITH.—I live in the country. Not a great many employed for wages except on farms, as there are no mechanical shops of regular work in this community. Wages on farms, eight to ten dollars per month. As a general thing people are in debt, and crops are only medium this year.

#### COLUMBUS.

BLACKSMITH.—We need a law prohibiting the issuing of trade checks and store orders to pay for labor performed. Workingmen should receive cash for their work. The only enterprise carried on in this section of the county besides farming, is the shingle business, and they all pay their labor in trade checks that are not transferable, and can only be used at the proprietor's store. There is very little money, therefore, in circulation in this county.

LABORER.—The practice of paying hands off in trade orders is the curse of this community. If a man works a day for fifty cents, he gets it in trade checks. If he needs the money and must have it, he has to take forty cents for his check. All employers should be compelled to pay cash for labor.

MECHANIC.—There is, no doubt, in my mind about the benefits to workingmen arising from organization. I think it benefits them morally, socially and financially.

CARPENTER.—Those mechanics and laborers who are fortunate enough to work, where they can get the cash and pay cash, are doing very well. But the most of them have to take trade for their work and at very high prices. We need better apprentice laws, men should be required to serve their time at a trade before being allowed to contract for work.

BRICK MASON.—Work in this county is very dull. People want work done low down. The money men have the advantage, and men have to work as they



can. No system in anything. The honest working men want to live and let live, but they cannot do it unless they become united. If we could get things together and have some regularity, times would be better. I would be glad to see an honest change in things. It is not right to work men at such small wages and make them pay such unreasonable prices for supplies. We never can get up in the world unless things change—it is utterly impossible. They work men as they please, pay them when they please and pay them in what they please. I give a sketch of things just as they stand. Men have to labor at every kind of work in order to live. They have no voice in how much they get for their work or what they pay for goods. A great many workmen are compelled to trade their wages out, and are charged very high prices.

BLACKSMITH.—I think we need a cash system for one thing; it would be much better for the working class, if they could get the cash for their work and pay cash for what they buy. The trouble now is that you cannot get the money after the work is done; employers will not pay money at all, you have to take a store order every time. On the farms most every farmer has a little store or keeps provisions, &c., on hand. It makes some of them mad to ask them for money, and the man who demands the cash gets discharged. The average hours worked is twelve, I think ten would be better.

PRINTER.—In this section we need more work, and less loafing by the working class. We need more schools and more money. The condition of the working people is better than last year, and they are anticipating improvement for the coming year.

MECHANIC.—I do not see any change or improvement in the condition of labor; there are many who are not employed, they need work. There is some talk of a Northern company starting a large lumber mill here, if this proves to be true, it will undoubtedly help labor.

J. D. M.—Labor is plentiful and at fair prices; we have good lands easily cultivated and improved, and cheap, frequently yielding over a bale of cotton to the acre.

BRICK-LAYER AND PLASTERER.—We have no rule to work by here. Mechanics generally work by the job and have no regular hours, and are employed a good part of their time.

MECHANIC.—I am somewhat at a loss to express my opinion in regard to the laboring class of men in my neighborhood. I will state that the workingmen are laboring under a great disadvantage. They are so oppressed by the hand of the merchant they can hardly support themselves and families. Wages are very low, and we have to pay the highest kind of prices for our support. I think it would be to the interest of the working class of people to unite themselves together and work together for each other's good. There is no regularity among the people in my neighborhood, so I cannot give much idea at present as to what would be best to improve and elevate our country. I hope something will take place that will deliver the poor man from the hand of the extortioner.

#### CRAVEN.

MACHINIST.—I think there ought to be something done to protect the lives of those employed in the mills and factories where large numbers are employed.

There should be a law requiring that boilers should be tested once each year, and none but competent men should be in charge of them. There have been several boiler explosions in this vicinity that have caused loss of life, and in every case there was an ignorant negro in charge. They work cheap and keep competent men out of employment, and from their ignorance and negligence innocent lives are lost.

BLACKSMITH.—My own opinion is that the workingmen are to blame for their bad condition in a great measure. They have no unity of action and no understanding about anything, and are responsible largely for the low prices and bad system that prevail.

Convicts should not be allowed to work on any private work, but should be kept on State works. Recently, there was a large job of blacksmith work done at the penitentiary for a private corporation. The convict was thus put into direct competition with my trade. He robs me on the outside, and is allowed to rob me in the penitentiary by competing with me for work. This should not be allowed; the honest laborers should have the work so they can earn an honest living.

CARPENTER.—To get value for their work, labor must come together and work together. We would then see better wages, shorter hours, better laws and less speculation in the necessities of life. At present wages are low and mechanics are not employed half their time.

TINER.—There are more people here out of employment than I ever knew before. We need factories to give the people work.

BRICKLAYER AND PLASTERER.—Everything is about at a standstill here. Very little work for mechanics. If about a hundred capitalists would invest in a railroad running from Wilmington into Onslow and passing through this section, it would prove a profitable investment and give much work to mechanics and laborers.

MACHINIST.—There are many laboring men here walking about with nothing to do and nothing for them to do. There is very little enterprise here among the monied men of our city. The majority of them are afraid, or at least seem to be, to invest their money in any enterprise whatever. They keep it hid, in bonds, and therefore it does the city very little good, if any, and the poor laborer, it does not do him any good worth speaking of. Once in a while he will get a job to build a fence or something, and they will beat him down on that so that he cannot make anything out of it—scarcely get his bread out of it.

If there were more manufacturing going on here it would help the poor laborer and mechanic more than anything that I know of, and this is one of the best localities for factories that I know of. There is every advantage in the world for them—wood-working factories especially. There is almost every kind of wood you want in the surrounding country, and it can be obtained very cheap, while the transportation facilities are as good as can be wished for, with cheap freights.

There are but two machine shops in the place, one railroad shop and one private shop, and they are pretty well run over with workmen all the time. If a poor machinist gets out of work he has to leave home to find employment. He cannot get it here. For better times give us more machine shops and more factories of every kind, and then we poor mechanics and laborers can find a plenty of work without leaving home, and above all, give us *more money and eight hours per day*.



## CUMBERLAND.

MACHINIST.—In regard to trades, I would like it explained, why there are so few skilled workmen especially in the South. The only reason I can give for it, there is so little encouragement for the mechanic? He is looked upon by most people as a nice tool, and the majority do not know the difference between a good tool and a bad one, and a graduate of the penitentiary will as often get employment as a first-class workman, especially if he will work for a few cents less, and I am sorry to say there are so few in this part of the "United States" who know the difference in workman or work. I hold it is cheaper to pay good prices for good honest work, than to get botch work at half price.

If skilled labor is not worth more than jack-leg work, then there is little use for boys to devote years to learn a trade, and then have to work for small wages, or get no work at all.

PAINTER.—On this subject of interest to the working man volumes could be written, and yet words would fail to express what are the requisites necessary for the advancement and improvement of the working class. But in my humble and unvarnished manner I will briefly state what I conceive to be of the utmost importance. First, we want above, all things, *Education*, and opportunity to obtain it.

In this town some shops require a man to labor fourteen and sixteen hours in the summer, and now from light until dark. We want eight hours for work, eight hours for education or pleasure and eight hours for rest.

Also, I have discovered that men get employment who will work for the least money and not upon their merits, not upon the dispatch and skill in which they can execute their work, but "who will do this work the cheapest?" that's the man for this market.

Further, the majority of mechanics in all departments are indifferent workmen, and you scarcely meet a man who has served his apprenticeship. The result is, he cannot do the work, and depreciates the wages of a master mechanic.

This place is glutted with botches and unskilled workmen, and ever will be, for they receive the patronage of the public, because they do the job for less money.

## CURRITUCK.

BLACKSMITH.—There is a pressing need of better school facilities, we have now only about two months of public school, and that hardly amounts to anything. Our children are growing up in ignorance, and we cannot have private schools, unless some wealthy man becomes responsible to the teacher for pay.

The laboring class here outside of a few mechanics are mostly negroes, and they are so trifling that I do not see what could be done for their benefit.

MECHANIC.—What we need in this country is factories to give the people work, and more system about the time required to work.

## DARE.

MECHANIC.—This is an island, and the people have no means of getting off except by small sail boats, and we have to depend on them to get our mails and ship our produce and poultry. This is such a slow means and so uncertain that there

is no profit in it. We need steamboat transportation. If we had steam navigation we could do well trucking, but as it is we have no chance to do anything but fish and farm a little. There is very little work here for mechanics.

BRICK MASON.—We need more capital and enterprising men in this section. There is plenty of room for good citizens, soil good for farming. Our people are generally fishermen. We need more farmers and laborers, along with capital, to improve our country.

DAVIDSON.

BRICK MASON.—I think if there were more attention paid to work on the part of labor, the country would be in a better condition, there is but little dependence to be placed in the common labor of the country. The majority of them seem to be satisfied if they have bread for to-day. I know of day hands that will hunt work one day, work next, and go to the store and spend it the next day. The majority of the colored people seem to be trying to get to the towns.

BUGGY MAKER.—I do not know what would better the condition of laboring men and women more than to pass the prohibition act and stop the saloons, for whenever we hear of dissatisfaction and strikes, nine times out of ten, when the cause is searched out, it will be traced to the bar and whisky saloons. Labor is very much like produce or commodities, it increases and decreases according to quality and scarcity, or demand. For instance, if a laborer in any given trade works in a factory and the manufacturer produces buggies, carriages or other articles for sale, and the demand is great and the prices good, he can afford to pay good wages; if the articles are not in demand and the prices low, labor will be low, or cease, for no capitalist can afford to run unless he can make a reasonable profit on his productions, particularly in the carriage and buggy trade. In my opinion, the greatest barrier in the way of the advancement of better wages and the demand for workmen, than anything else just at this time, is that our country is flooded with the north-western work of a cheap grade until home manufactured work is not much in demand, because we cannot compete with them for want of capital, machinery and cheap labor. Another great hindrance to the better condition of our own laboring men and women is the influx of so many foreigners into our country, until the railroads, factories, and in fact all public works, are to a great extent monopolized by them, until laborers are not much in demand, hence low wages and a great many out of employment. I sometimes think protective tariff would help, especially in the south, against the west and north, so as to bring capitalists down here to build manufactories in our midst, thereby creating a demand for labor.

TINER.—There is quite a number of workmen employed in the town. Carpenters' wages run from one to two dollars per day; brick-masons and other good mechanics get about the same pay; common laborers get from fifty to seventy-five cents per day. There is a large cotton mill here, it employs a number of hands, their wages are regulated by the amount of work done, or in other words they are paid by the piece; they are paid in cash, and trade where they choose. They work twelve hours in the mill, and have good houses to live in, and I think, could save some little money in a year if they would try. The condition of the mechanics is generally good, but the common laborer is generally very poor. There are very few young men learning any trade in this community.



## DAVIE.

**BRICK-LAYER AND PLASTERER.**—There is not enough harmony and unity of action among workingmen and mechanics. This has been my experience wherever I have worked, and I have worked in many towns and cities in the past twenty years. I have always been willing to adopt the rules and scale of wages among first-class workmen, or of the union, where there was one, but I have not found all workmen so inclined. There is too much opposition and under bidding by mechanics and employers too. Prices have been run down and work has run down. Scabs are employed and good mechanics had to go idle. I don't know how the country is to be rid of scabs unless by good apprentice laws.

**H. H. S.**—Let workingmen get into some employment where they can use all their time and use their brains as well as their muscles, and not be whining about hard times. If they will but use the right means, they will become bosses, and not remain laborers. This is my determination.

The most of our laboring people do not work more than two-thirds or three-fourths of their time. No wonder they have a hard time.

**JOHN H. GILMER, Jr.**—We have not any trades unions nearer us now than Salisbury and Winston. There were some few societies, but they managed their business badly and soon went down. I find the men working for prices ranging from five to ten dollars per month. Women work for three to six dollars per month. Far too many are depending upon living upon farms and going to towns to find work. While land in the North-western part of Davie, and most of Yadkin, sells so cheap, it would be best for the poorer classes to buy them little homes, improve the land, build houses, open churches and schools. Then they could live happy. I know of one place in Yadkin county (Booneville) where every man of each race that is worth the space he fills in the world has a tract of land. The colored people of this county are buying lands, making themselves homes and working to educate their children. North-western North Carolina is the best place for the poor man, if he will take the advantages. Such as have made use of their time are the happiest people of the State, but they don't know it, and will never learn it until they go to some other place to live and become too poor to get back. But very little pains are taken by the common classes to improve their lands. If they were to make the new improvements that Rowan, Guilford or Wake counties have, they would soon be the most independent people of the State. The people also have the advantage of cheap wood, pure mountain air, clear cold water (that of the streams is better than people in Eastern North Carolina have to drink), good health and but little sickness. It is also a good grain and wheat growing country. After the crops are "laid by," many spend their time lying in the shade, eating melons, fruits and other good things.

## DURHAM.

**BLACKSMITH.**—I have worked in this trade fifteen years. My wages now are one dollar and forty cents per day, with perhaps three months per year lost time. The great need of the working people of this town is regular employment. Wages ought to be higher, too. Owing to the scarcity of work in this place, the condition of the working people, as a rule, is not very good. If there were regular work for the people their condition would be altogether better, but of course no employment means no wages, and with many of them no wages means no bread.



Here you see women and children of many families doing the work, while the men are unemployed, working from day to day, ten hours per day, for the sum of three dollars per week, and even this they cannot get all the time. For my own trade, I will say we need regular employment and better wages.

BRICK-MASON.—There is a disposition on the part of those mechanics who employ labor, to employ all white men and not give the colored mechanics a fair showing. The white Knights of Labor prevent me from getting employment because I am a colored man, although I belong to the same organization. I hope to see the time when workmen will pull together. We will never succeed until we do.

BLACKSMITH.—There is considerable work going on here, but contractors won't hire colored mechanics. They want white hands with but few exceptions. Blacksmith's wages, one dollar and twenty-five cents per day; common laborers, seventy-five cents per day.

PAINTER.—Our working people here are for the most part very poor, living in a kind of hand to mouth way. Wages are very small. The greater number of our wage-workers are employed in the factories here, the wages they receive being in many cases so small as to necessitate the working of every member of the family. In the factories here are many bright, sunny-faced boys and girls, many of them very young, and going from bad to worse, never having had an opportunity of going to school because of the necessity to work. And with wages decreasing and cost of living increasing, together with an enormous surplus of labor, we cannot reasonably look for any better state of affairs until we succeed in reducing the amount of child labor, and thereby increase the work and the wages of the men, who are now forced into idleness by the substitution of cheap child labor and machinery. There are a large number of idlers here; they throng our streets daily, with willing hearts and hands, but absolutely nothing to do. Advertisements have gone out from here for hands, bringing many people into our town, and at that time they could have obtained more hands, or employees, already here, than they could have given work to.

We have five K. of L. Assemblies here, which we hope will accomplish much good in connection with what they have already done.

PAINTER.—The town of Durham is much misrepresented, and people flock here to obtain work only to find that there are already here more than can find employment. If working people want work at prices that will enable them to accumulate anything at all, they will have to go somewhere else to find it. We have much surplus labor now, and hence wages are low.

MACHINIST.—From the number of people I see coming here to get work from all parts of the State, I think we will have to have more factories in order to give employment to these people. Those now in operation here all seem to be doing well, many of them making money very fast. Others would doubtless do as well and would be a great benefit to the working class of this community. If our capitalists would build houses and sell them to the poor workmen on reasonable terms on the installment plan, they would do great good, for rents are very high.

BRICK-MASON.—The times are harder and tighter in Durham and vicinity than I have ever seen here in my life. I have lost four months out of the past six. It is about all poor people can do to live decently when they have regular work. It



seems as if work had shut down completely on account of politics; doubtless, too, the prohibition law in force in the town has had something to do with it.

MACHINIST.—I think that the condition of the working people is bad and is rapidly growing worse, on account of the rapid introduction of labor-saving machinery, and as that cannot be stopped, the only way I see for the people to live at all is to reduce the working system to eight hours per day. Apprentices work three years for prices as follows: 1st year, fifty cents per day; 2d year, seventy-five cents per day; 3d year, one dollar per day. The 4th year they take instruction where they chose, and get about one dollar and twenty-five cents per day; after which they are supposed to be mechanics, and get the common price, which is about two dollars per day. I think apprentices should be compelled to serve out their time, as the employer must lose on them the first year, and can only recover what they have lost by the apprentice serving out his time. Working men must have better wages before they can educate their children. The ignorance of the people in the South is very deplorable. It is one cause of the poverty we see around us everywhere. High tariff is the working man's friend; free trade his enemy.

ROCK-MASON.—The organization of labor in this town has declined very greatly in the past two years, much to our regret. There is no regular system as to hours of work or pay, but ten hours is usually observed.

PRINTER.—I have been working at this business since I was fourteen, twenty-three years ago. This is the hardest time working people have ever seen, I think. The little work that women and children can get to do pays almost nothing, and the wages of mechanics are low. I live outside the corporation and send my children to the town graded school, for which I have to pay. We have had a school in my neighborhood until now. It ran eight months last year and the same this session.

PAINTER.—My wages are one dollar and fifty cents per day; have worked at the business four years, and have been able to save something from my wages, though they are low. I am unmarried. Abstinence from liquor and tobacco, and the organization of trades unions, would advance the interests of our workingmen.

STONE-CUTTER.—We need more thorough organization among workingmen of all classes, the total annihilation of the liquor traffic and the utter suppression of the mortgage system, a change in the present system of county government, and the thorough establishment of the prohibition party.

BRICK-MASON.—I think the working classes are in a bad condition compared to what they should be. One thing that is a great obstruction to the progress of the working people is that there is not any union among them. They work too hard against each other. They need unity among themselves, for where there is unity there is power, and unless something of that sort is brought about among the working classes, their condition will ever be bad. And I do hope that the day is not far distant when the working class of people will come together in one solid band and move on for the better, and to improve in this one thing there should be unity among us. They have been pulling against each other to such an extent until wages are so reduced that it is impossible for them to advance any. And you may put it down that the working class is not advancing, but going back.

We have no trades union, no apprentice system and nothing of that kind among us. There are some among us who will contend for wages out of which they can make a support, while there are others who will underwork them. The laboring people are at war with each other, and I do not see where there can be any improvement made under the present circumstances.

DUPLIN.

C. H. T.—The condition of workingmen and their families throughout this section is not very favorable, though I cannot say that it is much worse than it has been for a few years past.

It is difficult for a family, by honest labor, at this time, and at my occupation, to make a well-to-do living.

It is an especially stringent time on finances. We need some general relief from the present state of affairs, and believe that one of the chief causes of said state is the oppression by the great horde of monopolies which are sapping the life-blood from honest laboring people of various occupations.

We believe, also, that organization of the laboring people, if properly conducted, will prove beneficial to their condition.

I hope that your "Bureau of Statistics" will help to develop a means of relief for this oppressed class of people.

BLACKSMITH AND COPPERSMITH.—I am fifty years old: have been working at this trade thirty years; worked ten years for wages; since then by the job, mostly in my own shop. When I came here twenty years ago, I settled down on a farm, with nothing but a small piece of land and my wife and children. I keep up my trade and run a small farm, and cultivate about fifty acres in corn, cotton and potatoes. This I do mostly with hired labor, which is very unreliable and unprofitable. Nearly all the good labor has left here and gone South to work turpentine. What is left only work a little, just enough to drag along. They pick whortleberries, pull dog tongue and fish. The farmers having to depend upon labor of this character cannot make anything. The mechanic and all others are affected by the success or non-success of the farmer.

MECHANIC.—The laboring people, both white and black, are in a worse condition than they were five years ago, and it seems to be growing worse every year. We wish for better times than the present.

MECHANIC.—The laboring people get no money for their work, as a general thing; they get orders, and wages are very low. No business carried on much but farming. Very little money in circulation. No mechanical industries nor factories in the country except the steam mills. Most all farmers are buying less fertilizers than heretofore, and going in debt much less. Very little mortgaging.

W. H. G.—Excepting farm-hands, it is often the case in this county that a man follows the occupation of a carpenter, machinist, plasterer, and painter; while some are blacksmiths, wheel and wagon-makers and saw-mill men at the same time.

As to farm hands, most of them are "*floating around*," here one year and yonder next; and it would be useless to try to get any information from them. It is evident to any man of ordinary intelligence that our system of labor is very bad



—hirelings want to ramble over the country hunting better wages, and tenants are, WITHOUT *any* EXCEPTIONS *as far as my observations extend*, disposed to let "the place" go down, and seem to want to get all they can out of it, with as little return to the owner as possible.

By way of digression, in this township—Albertson—the farmers who give their time and attention to their own affairs, and try to make what they eat, wear, &c., at home, are getting on as well as they ever did; while others who are anxious to have plenty money, and time to keep up with everything that is going on, or in other words people who do not know the value of time and money are always behind, and always will be. We have the same soil, the same climate, &c., that we had in ante-bellum times, and why should not we prosper as well as our dad-dies? It is evident we are not as industrious, nor as economical, for the only, or at least the worst draw back we have on our farms, is the loss sustained by diseases among hogs; and all the investigations that can be made concerning it, cannot make me believe it was not caused by crossing our *natives* with some other *breeds*. The only case I ever heard of, in ante-bellum times, was among a drove of hogs brought to Lenoir county from Tennessee.

K. B.—There are no trades unions or Knights of Labor in my neighborhood, and no regular carpenters. There are two men in this school district, who are carpenters, blacksmiths and brick-masons, who do the work of the neighborhood, but both farm in summer. They work for one dollar a day and board. Board is worth six or eight dollars a month. The monthly wages of farm laborers are: for women, four to five dollars a month; for men, six to ten dollars a month. There are but few wage earners in the county; five per cent., perhaps, of the laborers hire by the year. Agriculture is the only source for the production of wealth, and when the farmer prospers all prosper. He hires carpenters, pays school teachers and preachers, and hires farm laborers to improve his farm by ditching, clearing land, making fertilizers, &c.

But farming has run down so low that everything is at a stand still. Farmers consider themselves fortunate if they can make both ends meet at the end of the year, and tenants if they can square their accounts with the merchants. They sell corn in winter at fifty cents a bushel and buy it back in the spring and summer at a dollar a bushel. The New York *Herald* says the protective tariff is the cause of the repression of the farmers; that they sell in competition with the world and buy under tariff restrictions. In other words, they sell in the cheapest markets and buy in the dearest in the world. Two farms in this section of the county have been recently sold, average farms, with good houses. On one the house cost over one thousand dollars. Each farm contained six hundred and sixty acres. One brought eight hundred dollars and the other five hundred dollars. Before the war these farms would have sold for two thousand dollars each. In New York State, the center of protected manufactures, the farms declined, in the decade from 1870 to 1880, two hundred millions of dollars.

The London *Saint James Gazette* says England has quadrupled her wealth in forty years of free or unrestricted trade. It states this fact in proof that it took thirty-two per cent. of the assessed value of the kingdom to pay the interest on her interest-bearing debt in 1844, and forty years thereafter it required only eight per cent. to pay the interest on the same debt. And the increase of wealth went

in full proportion to the poor, or laborers. For the sake of humanity, let your efforts take the direction of restoring to our country that justice which brings God's blessings on a nation and those equal rights and fair chances for all which makes poor men's lives tolerable. Negro slavery developed no millionaires, but tariff protection and monopoly has developed thousands of them. If Dives and the Devil, with Croesus and all other of the shrewdest Shylocks, which the greed for money has consigned to Pluto's gloomy kingdom, were convened, they could not invent a more unjust and oppressive tax system than the United States protective tariff.

CARPENTER.—The most important subject pertaining to the farmers and workingmen, is the Farmers' Alliance, which has been organized in this section. The workingmen and their families are getting in a worse condition every year; as to the apprentices, there are none at all, the young men are mostly in stores, filling the places of clerks, working for about twelve to twenty dollars per month. As to what would better our condition, there are so many things and so many places for improvement, I do not know that I am capable of going into the subject. I think a strict discipline would do some good as to regulating wages times, &c. If there is not something to help us, I hardly think that we can stand it. I farm in the farming season. In fall and winter I work at the carpentering business or trade, and I cannot hardly live at that rate.

J. E. S.—Nearly if not all persons between the age of five and infirmity, get work to do in this section at wages ranging from four to twenty-five dollars per month. We have considerable trucking interest here that gives employment to all surplus labor at fair prices.

S. J. P.—Labor plenty but not reliable, times hard and money scarce. Crops are backward now, and will suffer for work hereafter. Whortleberries are ripening and the labor will go to the woods and swamps for them. This will cause suffering in the fall as they will give up their crops.

PAINTER.—There is very little money paid for labor in this section of the county, all are paid in orders to the stores, and much time is lost in going to the stores to get their orders filled. If there were a law requiring them to be paid in cash, it would help them very much. Field hands get from forty to sixty cents per day; wood-cutters, about the same; painters, one dollar and fifty cents. Many laborers have left here and gone to Georgia where they hope to do better.

WHEELWRIGHT AND BLACKSMITH.—The condition of workingmen in this section is largely as they themselves make it. If they are good workmen and conduct themselves properly, they find good jobs, but poor workmen are hard pressed to get work.

CARPENTER.—We have no organized system of labor. The families of our colored laborers are, in a general way, in destitute circumstances. Our population consists of laboring people as a whole. Organization would, I think, improve our condition to a great extent. Education of the masses would be a great help to the white race, but so far as my observation extends, educating the colored race renders them unfit for laborers and good for nothing else. This is the general rule, and like all other general rules, has its exceptions. We have no trades unions. No system of apprenticing and no special laborers.



## EDGECOMBE.

CARPENTER.—I don't know of anything that could be done to improve the condition of laboring people in this section, at present, as we have had several bad crops, and I reckon labor is getting about all that can be expected right at this time. Better wages would be highly acceptable and a great benefit to the laboring class, but I don't see any chance of getting them at present.

CARPENTER.—This is principally a farming county, and owing to a failure in crops for the last two or three years, everything is high at this time. Provisions were very high and wages very low, in my trade, during the past year. Three years ago I easily got two dollars per day, and now it is hard to get one dollar and fifty cents per day, while provisions are higher and money scarcer at this time, which makes living very hard in our section of country.

Now, as to bettering our condition, I hardly know what to say. Our mechanics are lying around with no work to do, which is the only remedy for the laboring people that I know of. There is a little hope of work reviving in a short time in our town, which will, if present arrangements are carried out, make our future condition a little better.

Now, as to other laborers, their condition is fearful. The wages paid are barely sufficient to procure the necessities of life. They get from five dollars to ten dollars per month, and lost time, such as rainy days, &c., is taken out, while they work from sun up to sun down, and often have to trade out most or all of their wages.

## FORSYTH.

BLACKSMITH.—I think eight hours is long enough for a mechanic to work for a day. It is all our government requires, I think, at big wages, and why should we common laborers be required to work longer than our officials, while they are paid out of our hard earnings? There is no justice in it, and further, the great law-giver of heaven has divided time into three equal parts—eight hours for sleep and refreshment, eight hours to toil and eight for recreation, meditation and serving the Lord. Under our present system, if it can be called a system, we have but little time to spend at home with our families. Indeed, we are almost entirely deprived of the pleasures of home. We should have eight hours only for a day, and wages to suit the times. To illustrate, say where a man is getting one dollar and fifty cents for a day's work of ten hours, which would be fifteen cents per hour, let him work eight hours for a day's work, and have thirty cents each day deducted from his wages; and as for women, the way our factory men are working them—twelve hours for a day—is a perfect outrage upon humanity. There should be a law in our State to prohibit it.

PRINTER.—There is but one feature under this heading which bears mention, especially regarding the trades. It is of those men who do not serve an apprenticeship, but gain a limited knowledge of the business, composing principally, and then under work those of more experience. They will work cheaper and do much to injure wages. A union is the only remedy, and this we hope to start at an early day—not to work against employers, but to regulate many little matters to the interest of both. The outlook here is encouraging for a steady run of work, with indications of an increase.

CARPENTER.—In my trade in this place we are worked eleven hours from April 1st to October. The remainder of the year from sun up to sundown, with one and one-fourth hours at noon, except December and January, with three-fourths hour at noon. Work opens about April 1st and closes December 20th. Hence can be seen the advantage to the contractor in the present arrangement of working hours. In my opinion our legislators could do nothing better than to pass a law allowing no one to work hands more than ten hours in any one day. We have one manufacturing firm that work their hands twelve hours the year round. Our post-office opens after we go to work and closes at the exact time we quit work, making it very inconvenient for the laboring man. So far as my knowledge extends the laboring man is less respected and more imposed upon than any other class in the State.

Among the tobacco manufacturers there is an understanding that in case an employee quits one manufacturer, no other will employ him that season, and no sooner does one quit than there is a runner sent to every manufacturer in town. I might mention other advantages taken of the laboring man, but this will suffice to give an idea of the state of affairs.

PAINTER.—It is with pleasure that I fill out this blank so far as I am able, hope it will give some information. I think it is time that the needs and want of our laboring people are looked after. I think there ought to be a law regulating the number of hours for labor. There is one firm in this place that work their hands twelve hours per day the year round, and the wages paid would not average seventy-five cents per day, I do not think. There are families that are in debt two weeks ahead of their wages. I think, therefore, that there ought to be a law to say how long they should work per day. Wages should also be good enough, so they could live without going into debt, and so they could have some chance to send their children to school. As it is, as soon as a child is large enough to go to school, it has to go to work and grow up in ignorance. The average wages for a painter is about one dollar and twenty-five cents per day.

MACHINIST.—I would offer this suggestion that petitions be circulated throughout the State for signers, asking the next legislature to pass a law to make it an indictable offence for any owner of a factory or machine shop to work over ten hours per day. I know of one factory that works their hands from before day until after night, and that is the way the poor laborer is treated.

PRINTER.—At this place, for the last twelve months, work at all trades has been very dull. A good many carpenters, and some of other trades, went to other States and other parts of this State for employment. Wages paid barely enough to live on. I do not know the wages paid for the different trades outside of my own. Now that the factories have gone to work, the railroad being built and some building and improvements being made, the prospects for the future appear better.

I believe if the laboring men will unite, elect their Legislative men and Congressmen, and put a stop to so much monopoly laws, and give all men an equal showing, times will be better. Until the laboring men agitate, organize and educate, they need not expect relief.

PRINTER.—My own opinion is that the workingmen are in a bad condition in my town. They are too much afraid of their employers. For instance, at an



election they are afraid to vote their sentiments for fear of displeasing their employers, and there are instances where employers have threatened to discharge them if they voted against what they wanted carried. I do not mean in a political election, but in a town or railroad election. The workmen work for what they can get, and there are some mechanics working for seventy-five cents and one dollar a day. They have families and have to do it. In my own business, every printing office cuts prices, and the consequence is, it makes wages very low. In my opinion, if the workmen would try to educate themselves more, I mean read good books and the newspapers, for I am a great believer in first-class daily newspaper reading, papers like the *New York Herald*, *Star*, *Times*, &c., they would not have such a great opinion of themselves, and talk so big and do so little. As soon as they get their supper, they go to some store and talk and gossip until time to go to bed, and if you ask them why they do not take some good newspaper, they say they have not time to read it, and are so tired at night that they do not feel like reading. I read the *New York Star* and *Philadelphia Times* every day, and would not do without a good daily. I think education is needed among us workmen about as much as anything.

**BLACKSMITH.**—If you want my opinion about what change would be an advantage to workmen, I will give it in a few words: More money and less time for the laboring man, in my opinion, would be more money for all. My reasons for it: Give me more rest, and I will do more work. We work the ten-hour system—nine hours in winter and eleven hours in summer. This is too much, the way we have to work. One may ask, how did our fathers make it from sun to sun? I have done more work in the shop in seven years, working ten hours, than our fathers did in fourteen years. I am only twenty-nine years old and I am broke down. I would be glad to change work that I may have some rest, but if I have to work as I have been working, I will not last long. So I would ask for eight hours per day. If we can have that to work in, and sixteen hours for sleep and self, we can do more work and live longer, happier and better.

**CABINET-MAKER, &C.**—I favor a law making ten hours a day's work. Many are now required to work eleven and twelve hours. I work eleven hours, which is entirely too long these hot days, and besides, it keeps other people out of employment. Wages in my line and in the carpenter's line are too small to lay up anything, while brick-masons are paid fair wages and ordinary labor is low. I think trades unions are a good thing when managed by and made up of men who are workmen, but not when they are managed by men who never work, as is often the case. It is hard to say what would improve us around here. If the tariff were taken off the necessities of life, and kept upon the luxuries, it would be much help. If all work were regulated and paid for by the hour, I think there would be a less number out of employment.

**MACHINIST.**—My opinion of the working class is that they would be greatly benefitted if they would expend more of their time, money and efforts in mental improvement, and less in keeping up with the professional class in fashion, dress and fast living generally.

**MARBLE-WORKER.**—What we, as working people, need most, I think, is a better system of education for the masses.



PRINTER.—With the exception of a few trades, the workingmen here have to put in too many hours for a day's work. They go to work at five and six o'clock in the morning and work till seven o'clock in the evening. I think ten hours should be a day's work. When a man has to work from sun to sun he has not much time for improvement.

PAINTER.—There is a population of between nine and ten thousand in these two towns, Salem and Winston, and about one half of this population are of the laboring class. The average wages of the laboring class is about one dollar per day. There are about ten or twelve master mechanics who get from two to three dollars per day. We work eleven hours in the summer and eight or nine in the winter; that is, if we can get anything to do in the winter, but we do not put in more than about nine months in the year. Living is high, house rent is high and fuel is high. Wood is two dollars and fifty cents per cord, and coal in winter is from eight to nine dollars per ton, so you may see from this that it takes all a poor man can make to live, at the wages he gets, and he generally falls in debt in the winter, and has to scratch throughout the summer to pay for his winter supplies. We have two factories here in Salem, one cotton and one woolen factory, that employ about five hundred hands, and the larger portion of these are women and children. They work about fourteen hours for a day's work and are paid about seventy-five cents per day, while the most of that is taken up in trade at the store belonging to the owners of the factory. There are about twenty-five to thirty tobacco factories in Winston, which give employment to about eight or ten hundred hands, the most of these being colored, and women and children. They work about six months in the year, the average wages being about fifty cents per day. The men that roll make more. The greater part of these laborers are not permanent residents of the town. They come and go as the working seasons come and go.

The only thing that I can see that would improve the condition of the laboring class would be good honest legislation in their behalf as well as that of the capitalists and monopolists, but the main cause of low wages the mechanic alone is responsible for, as one will cut under the other.

#### FRANKLIN.

CARPENTER AND GENERAL MECHANIC.—I cannot say that I am prepared to give you the information you desire. I do not follow any trade with regularity. I am a sort of general mechanic, do work of this kind and also carry on a small farm. I farm on rented land and to no profit. Rents are too high. It is a poor business to farm on rented land. High rents have driven many men off the farms, and they are trying to make a living as jack-leg mechanics. They are to be found everywhere crowding into the cities and towns to obtain work; they have to work for whatever is offered, and though they are not workmen, they get jobs and crowd out the good mechanic who has learned his trade, and is dependent upon it for a support.

#### GASTON.

A. W. H.—We have sent too many professional men to make laws, to suit the farmers and working class of people. It has been too common to elect such men for all offices. We would be benefitted if we would send farmers to Legislature and to Congress. The working people could do much if they would send petitions



to the Legislature and to Congress, showing their wants. All manufacturing industries are sending petitions. Why not farmers and the working people let their wants be known in that way. One great drawback is lack of education among the farmers and working people generally. Another, the laborers of this country, principally, are paid by store orders or merchandise; they do not receive the fourth dollar in cash. It does seem to me that the people of this country are gradually being pressed harder every year in this way.

CARPENTER.—I have filled out this blank as nearly correct as I know how, and below I will try to give you my views as requested. As to the men in my own trade, in the first place, there are too many for the work that is to do, and in the next place, there is too much of the work done by machinery. The owners of the machinery have got to contracting for building houses, which crowds us out. They have got the work down so low by bidding against each other that nobody gets any profit out of it, but those who have the houses built. Some of the carpenters here are working in the machine shops, at from ninety cents to one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, and as they have to take their wages out in goods at the stores, they cannot clear anything by it. The merchant makes more out of it than they do. As to myself, I am going to try to sell out and leave here and buy some land and farm a little. Our schools are as good as none.

PAINTER.—The working class are at a low ebb in this county at present, and I think some changes in our laws and government need to be made, before we shall see much better times. We have been getting worse and worse off for the past three years, and there is none of the poor people around here that are making any money. They are mostly getting in debt. I say, do away with the crop mortgage system and bankrupt laws and all such things, and we shall see matters settle down into a more healthy condition, people will make out with less until they get a start, and then they will not have to pay fifty per cent. advance on their supplies, but will pay cash and get the cash for their work.

BRICK-MASON AND PLASTERER.—Wages are low, and the present system of hours for work—from sun to sun—is more than any man can stand and do good faithful work. While we are working twelve hours, there are many walking and doing nothing. Would it not be better for all to work fewer hours and thus make room for those who are now idle. It would be better even if we had to work for less price, for we could then attend to our gardens, look after our own purchases and pay the cash, saving much in this and other ways.

#### GATES.

CARPENTER.—I think a protective tariff is all that is necessary now to make us a prosperous people. I think if our Legislatures would just let the people alone, they would do the best thing for them they could do.

MECHANIC.—Among our greatest needs is *more money in circulation*.

CARRIAGE AND WAGONSMTIH.—First of spring crops were damaged by continuous rains; later by drought, but they have a good appearance now, and will probably turn out nearly an average crop, which is nothing to brag on at best. There is not much mechanical work going on, the people have not got the means to pay for work that they really want and need. Wages are low. Mechanics get from



one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day; farm hands, men, fifty cents; women, forty cents; youths, twenty-five to thirty-five cents per day and board. Work from sun to sun, and have to take their pay largely in store orders, or such merchandise as the employer can furnish them. Consequently, the men and women never know what they make is worth to them. They are dissatisfied and become negligent. It is hard times with all the laboring class of people. The only thing that will improve matters, in my judgment, is to remove the protective tariff and let the laborers have the full benefit of their wages in cash. Stop the eating cancer, the crop mortgage system, for no people can be prosperous or happy where this system prevails.

CARPENTER AND MILLWRIGHT.—As to the condition of the working people, I would say they are at a low ebb. There are many curses which are dragging them down every day of their lives. The first is the peddler, who carries his pack from door to door, and in the absence of the husband (who is under a mortgage), induces the wife and children to buy their goods, which, nine times in ten, are of no service to any of the family. The wives and children will actually spend the last cent they have and then sell their fowls and eggs for such trash as the peddler carries through the country. This is a great curse. I make the appeal with a heart full of sympathy for any fellow man who suffers under this curse, that there be a stop put to such imposition. Stop immigration or make the taxes ten thousand dollars. The next greatest curse, in my opinion, are free schools. Those who send their children could make them work one-half of the time and earn enough to pay for twice the education for them. When we pay our money for a teacher we are apt to procure a competent one. It is not so with free schools; the people are taxed to pay a teacher (as they are called) and, honestly, a portion of them cannot read correctly. Too many children are not at work, because they expect to go to school next fall.

In my trade I see no redress but to require every mechanic to stand an examination and procure license. It is so in all other professions. Why should it not be so in this? In this county there are numbers of good carpenters who are half of the time without work because cobblers run around from place to place and take the jobs for a mere song, while there is not one in ten who can make a decent hog trough. If every man could be paid according to his labor we would then have good times.

These are my simple views. I cannot think of anything better for the people here. I have answered you in a good spirit, and hope you will receive it in the same. Please keep my name covered.

PAINTER.—I would give, as my opinion of forty years' experience, that the mechanics in the State need some law passed to protect them from having to contend with tramps and botches tramping through the country and claiming to be mechanics, putting the price of work so low that a first-class mechanic cannot afford to touch it without bringing his family to want for the necessities of life and comfortable clothing. In the first place, we need a rigid apprentice law, and in the second place, we need a license law, and every mechanic of whatever grade should be compelled to render a strict examination before a committee and then be licensed according to his or her merit and skill; then it should be made a misdemeanor for any one to employ a mechanic that has not been licensed. The em-



ployer will get better work and the mechanics will get better pay. The lawyer and the doctor are protected from imposters. Why should not the mechanic be also?

GRAHAM.

CARPENTER AND MILLWRIGHT.—We need capital from other States and countries to come in and help us develop this rich country. This is a new country, comparatively, and we are much behind.

MECHANIC.—The mechanics here need rules and system, which at present we have not; we are running along every man for himself.

M. A. C.—My principal occupation is farming on a small farm—fifty acres. Worked in dressing stone and building at one dollar and fifty cents per day about three months the latter part of the year.

The majority of our people are farming; but few renters, plenty of land, but the farming population need system (as much as capital,) that would bring about a lively competition in experimental farming; for the masses of the farmers do not know from experience what our country is best adapted to, and have but little encouragement at present, for there is no money. Farmers generally have a home supply and a small surplus, but no demand to justify sales. Diversity of pursuits would be advantageous, as we would have more exchange in products. Grass and stock raising would pay here if the farmers were organized and working under a system. I would like to see the Farmers' Alliance, or some farming organization carried into effect here, and see the farmers take an interest in operating harmoniously together for our common good as a class.

We need laws to better protect and foster labor and the laboring man, and to guard their interests against the oppression of monopolies. Let the farmer be the front in rank, for he is the basis of all other enterprise. The world cannot do without him, and he is self-sustaining with but little legislative help. The general condition of this section of country has been on the decline for the last three years, and it seems that each year is a little harder.

W. C.—General occupation of this entire country is farming, and the same is kept at about the same standard. I have a small farm on which I make a support for my family. I worked about one month on public works at one dollar per day, outside my farming labor, during the year. We have a good country for a variety of farm productions, but need more system and better improvements in every direction, in implements, time and, I might say, in everything pertaining to farming. We want improvements in stock raising, in fruit growing, in experimental farming, as well as daily schools, and everything that would tend to make us industrious, well-to-do farmers.

D. E. H.—The condition of our immediate section much better than heretofore. The farmers have gone to their work with much zeal. The laboring class in general appear to be duly appreciative of the reward that may accrue from their honest toil. Several saw-mills in our vicinity that run regularly. Our timber interests are very valuable. It is thought by many that deposits of valuable minerals are imbedded beneath the surface of our section of mountain country. Corn is very plentiful as well as the balance of cereals. The prospects of our country are much more flattering than in years past. The citizens are accumulating consid-

erable property. Stock is low and our mountain ranges for cattle, horses, hogs, &c., are very good. Our climate is very mild and pleasant. Fruit of all kinds nearly grow to perfection, as most all kinds of vegetables. Tobacco can be raised upon our sunny lands to perfection.

GRANVILLE.

BRICK-MASON.—White mechanics stand but little chance for work and wages here. We hire a laborer for seventy-five cents a day, and in a few months he gets him a trowel and plum rule and sets up business for himself at one dollar and fifty cents per day, and is often hired in preference to good mechanics, and he gets along pretty well.

Laborers are scarce and do not want to work as such; will not work more than two or three days at a time.

CARPENTER.—The laboring class of people in this community are in a prosperous condition. Our town is run over with carpenters and masons at present, and as to the colored race, the most of them seem to be very careless in most all business. I do not think there is any improvement in them of late.

BRICK-LAYER AND PLASTERER.—The condition of workingmen and their families is very bad, especially mechanics, because in a certain part of the year they cannot do any work, especially in my trade, and when working time comes, we are overrun by foreigners, which tends to cut wages down. I think that some improvement could be made if there were a way to stop so much immigration to our country. We are deprived of work by immigrants coming in and taking work cheaper than it really can be done (and live at it). The demand for work is greater than can be supplied, therefore, wages are greatly reduced. I think if workingmen and women could adopt the eight-hour system of working, that they could have more time for the cultivation of their minds, which is indispensable to every workingman, especially in my neighborhood. You can do as you choose about publishing this.

PAINTER.—So far as I am able to say, I do think if there were some permanent regulations made in reference to first-class workmen and second-class workmen, it would be much better. I do think first-class workmen in my business would or could get two dollars a day, and second-class workmen one dollar and fifty cents. That would enable them to pay as they go and to live more easily and keep out of debt; but as it is there is no system. There has been a Knights of Labor organization here, and may be now, but that does not regulate my work.

If at any time I can be of any service, I will be glad to serve you.

GREENE.

MECHANIC.—The workingmen in this county are in bad circumstances, owing to the tariff and the stock laws and the other impositions that have been heaped upon the farmers and laborers. We are under more burdens of this kind than we can bear. Would it not be well to send farmers and mechanics to the Legislature as well as lawyers and merchants and doctors? I think we would then have better times. The people of this section are fully in favor of a repeal of the above mentioned laws.



## GUILFORD.

PRINTER.—The general condition of laboring men is gradually improving, and while wages are low, economy and strictly temperate habits will leave a balance to the credit of all laborers, where prudence and economy are practiced. Yet few can make enough in a month to overcome a loss of a week's sickness, or loss of work.

We have good graded schools for both races in Greensboro, which are nominally free and are kept open ten months in the year.

We have two good Building and Loan Associations in the city, and many of our laboring men through these are getting houses for about what the rent of a house would cost them.

The only trouble of the workingmen in this section is that the harvest is *small* and the *laborers* are many.

C. F. W.—We get air and water free and plenty of it. We swap work for food.

PAINTER AND PAPER-HANGER.—Stop convict labor in manufacturing and put them upon the public roads. Keep all articles manufactured in another State from being brought into North Carolina.

STOVE-MOULDER.—For the benefit of the laboring masses of this country, convict labor should be prohibited in all manufactories in this and every other State. This convict manufacturing has been a great curse to our working people, and it should be stopped or so changed that all goods made by them should be plainly stamped, "Prison Made."

T. H. W.—We want the repeal of the tax on tobacco, the complete annihilation of the liquor traffic, and a general favoring of the working classes by the laws of our State.

STOVE-MOULDER.—I work on piece work, and when work is flush I can make two dollars and fifty cents per day. Moulders who work by the day make one dollar and twenty-five cents to one dollar and seventy-five cents per day. I am in favor of organization. I like the Knights of Labor; it has done good here. I think it good for the employees and the employers. It is down on the whisky traffic, which is the workingman's greatest curse. It is true that wages are small, but a little more kindness and less sullen looks and angry words from the employer would help much.

CARPENTER.—I have been working here in Greensboro for the past three years, but find that my health is not good here, and have decided to go to Staunton, Va. Besides, wages do not justify my staying here, yet I am getting more than most any mechanic in the town, two dollars and twenty-five cents per day. The average wages are one dollar and fifty cents per day. There are very few good mechanics here, so there is no one to keep wages up. The mechanics here have to work for anything they can get to keep from want. I would like to suggest something to benefit my fellow-workmen, but I hardly know what to say, as I have not given the subject much deep thought. I do think, however, that the contractors are to blame, as there are some here who contract for work and cannot afford to pay a man wages.

MACHINIST.—I have often thought a good library for workingmen, with good mechanical and scientific books in it, would be a good thing in small towns for the elevation of the workingman. My experience is the saloon is the *greatest* curse to the workingman. I have known good mechanics, after being on a spree, to work for only their board for a short time; thereby injuring the wages of a sober man, not only cutting their wages but others. In place of the saloon give me a good library, where I can have access to good scientific and mechanical books for which I would cheerfully pay my part.

WAGON-MAKER.—The greatest trouble I find in connection with my trade is poor workmen and no system of working. They are not as economical as they might be, living well when they can and suffering when times are dull. Consequently, they have to work at any price their employers think fit to give, and I am sorry to say that in most cases they jump at the chance. Convict labor is also a great hindrance to honest labor. The county is flooded with it and an honest mechanic cannot compete with it. It is also carrying money out of the State that should be spent in it.

I think the greatest improvement to the working classes would be to banish the liquor traffic from our county, for it is taking the *homes and support* of wives and children from them, and making men worse than brutes.

BRICK AND ROCK-MASON.—We have no regular system of work in this neighborhood, except on brick and stone and carpenter's work. Wages are up and down on common farm work. There is no woman-work out doors on the farm except in harvest time. All farmers and laborers are opposed to convicts working on any public work outside the prison, as it conflicts with the free labor of the State. The laborers of this State have been cut out of thousands of dollars by the labor of the convicts, and I think it high time a stop was put to it. We farmers and laborers must have more protection against speculation and the money party, for when we have anything to sell we have nothing to do with the price that we are to get for our goods. The merchant prices our produce and his goods also, and that keeps us under full control of the money party and the speculator. We must have more protection.

BLACKSMITH.—The prices are so low here that a mechanic can scarcely live. The pressure is heavier than I have ever known it to be among the mechanics. There seems to be a dullness among all. We used to get as high as one dollar and seventy-five cents for horse-shoeing, now we can get only eighty cents as the highest, some shoe for sixty cents.

The reason is that some of the men are obliged to have bread, and in order that they may get this the price has been cut. I have been in the town for forty years and have never seen the laboring class so depressed as they are to-day. Men have to work at seven dollars per month, pay house rent at three dollars, and provide for a wife and four or five children.

#### HALIFAX.

BOOK-KEEPER.—I have answered all questions as accurately as possible, there are some which I cannot answer, as I have not been married quite twelve months. I have no special remarks to make. I will only say, that until the time arrives when the working class of people will get more money, they will have what you might call a hard time. It takes nearly all I make to support my family.



J. S. R.—As a rule, in taking apprentices, I board and pay enough to clothe decently, but soon they conclude I make too much from their labor, and they go off and contract for themselves at such cheap rates as to monopolize the business, make nothing themselves, and keep experienced workmen down. Ready-mixed paint has a great deal to do with this state of affairs—most any one being able to apply it. The condition of most painters is bad, for the reasons stated above. I think it would be better for painters if all apprentices were required to understand the business before taking contracts.

BLACKSMITH.—Workingmen and women, in this section, have but little showing. Those that can get work get but scanty wages, and take store orders for pay, which they have to trade off at a certain place. The women find but little work, except on farms, for which they must take trade or store orders. I favor the repeal of the landlord and tenant act.

HARNETT.

BRICK-MASON AND PLASTERER.—The great need of labor here is that capital shall come in and establish some manufacturing business that will give the people work. We have the finest kind of clay for making brick, and very best pine timber in abundance, convenient to the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. We have also much good farming lands. This is the tightest year in my trade I have ever seen. There is plenty of work to do if the people had the money to pay with, but they have not got it, and the work must go undone, and the mechanic remain idle.

MACHINIST AND MILLWRIGHT.—Trades unions in the hands of good managers will meet my approval. Do not believe in the association of the races. I believe the apprentice system is calculated to make wages better. Labor laws of our State are not as they should be. There are a number of conditions under which, if work is done, the laborer cannot collect his wages. The laborers' condition could be materially bettered and wonderfully changed by the enactment of laws, both State and National, to prohibit the manufacturing and sale of ALL intoxicating drinks. The government is at fault in this matter, and is in league with the Devil. Tobacco is the next worst enemy the workingman has. I know some families that spend sixty dollars per year in stuff to spit out on the ground. Its manufacture ought to be prohibited by law.

MILLWRIGHT AND CARPENTER.—Have had too much law-making—not of the right kind. Too much improved machinery introduced since the late war has thrown too many people out of work. The working people of this county are out of work at least three-fourths of their time. Land owners and merchants the cause. The land owner will lease his land to irresponsible parties with hope of rent; the merchant will take a prospective crop mortgage and furnish something at double price, which enables the negro and a goodly number of white men to refuse reasonable wages on the farm. By the time these tenants get under way with their crop, the merchant refuses to furnish more unless the landlord secures it. They compromise by neither getting a full crop, and a heavy loss. The poor tenant fails to make anything for himself, but hates to change home and place, so he goes on and tries it over the next year—all the time down hill. We must do more work, buy less, or we never will get any better off. The people away



from the towns and railroads are getting worse all the time; never can do better till they sell more than they buy. Who is to learn them how to do that I don't know. Not politicians. We have nine hundred and ninety-nine politicians in this county that expect some office; about ninety-nine that are willing to work for an honest living. How, and who will come forward to change this state of affairs I can't tell. My only plan is to do more work with the hand that nature gave us—sell more than we buy—and we'll begin to get better. There is not now, nor has there been for long years, any work of improvement in this county that could pay sufficient price to justify a man to furnish tools to do work with. The little town of Dunn has been the only place for work in long years; it has been overrun with workmen to that extent that fifty cents was a high price per day.

#### HAYWOOD.

CONTRACTING CARPENTER.—If we had some sort of organization among mechanics I think it would be of much benefit to them. There is no union nor anything of the kind here, and the consequence is that they all under bid, and under bid, and under bid each other until the work is done so low that there is absolutely no profit left in nine-tenths of the jobs. Very recently one of our carpenters broke, and it was caused by this under bidding. Mechanics are in a poor condition here, generally speaking.

BRICK-MASON.—I believe there should be a trades union among all our mechanics. We have no organization here at all now, and there is so much competition that there is no chance for good wages. Trades unions, if properly carried out, would help the mechanics and the employers too, and would put a stop to this bad habit of under bidding.

#### HENDERSON.

BLACKSMITH.—I think the passage of the Blair Educational Bill would be a great help to our country. We need help from every source. The laboring masses are in a bad condition here financially. Wages are less and work scarcer than a few years ago. There is no demand for labor, and any one who has a job to give out will have fifty applications for it, probably. Men work from sun to sun for from fifty to sixty cents per day.

LUMBERMAN.—The condition of the laboring class in this community is improving, and they could do better still by organizing. I think the labor laws of North Carolina sufficient if the laborers would only take advantage of them.

#### HERTFORD.

COACH-MAKER.—We have no labor system. Farm hands get from eight dollars to ten dollars per month. A good deal of logging is carried on here, and the workmen are paid seventy-five cents to one dollar per day. Apprentices get fifty dollars for the first year's work, seventy-five dollars the second year, and the third year they go into business themselves.

I think our people are getting along very well, but if they would buy less guano and make more compost they would do better. A good many, I believe, are now trying to conduct their business on the cash system. If all will adopt that plan and strictly adhere to it, they will find that it is best for them. The people plant too much cotton and not enough grain, in my opinion.



PAINTER.—Going through New England a few days ago, and taking a view of her commercial, agricultural, and manufactural capacities, my mind was directed to the Old North State, and trying to solve the great problem of her future prosperity, caused me to think that nothing but home manufactures and self-reliance will ever change the old state of things to a better one, which without a doubt will help the workingmen, women and children. I have more to write, but have not time now.

PRINTER.—I think the printing business would improve if employers would employ none but honest, sober and industrious men. They could afford to pay better prices for labor and also gain in the end. One sober and industrious man will do more work upon an average than two who are dissipated. That is a great drawback to the profession. Over one-half of the printers in North Carolina (I think) are dissipated. If proprietors of newspapers will see to it that none of that class (unless absolutely necessary) are employed the profession will improve to a great extent.

Another thing I will mention. Most of the newspapers of the State, especially the country weeklies, are in the habit of inserting advertisements for patent medicine firms, of which nine out of ten are frauds. They get no pay for such, monopolize their space, and do an injustice to their home patrons.

BLACKSMITH.—I have been working at this trade thirty years. I worked twenty-two years for the B. & O. R. R. Company. After they organized their so-called relief association, they put off all men over forty-five years old, and that threw me out. I am here working for one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, not half wages, and I cannot support my family on it. There are some energetic men here, and if the people would patronize home industry, a good business would be built up. There are no rules for work or for apprentices here. At the present time, we work eleven hours per day.

#### HYDE.

W. P. M.—We have no system in our county as regards labor. The employer hires as cheap as he can, and the laborer gets all he can for his work, and does as little as he possibly can. The most of our workingmen have got to farming for themselves for such a part of the crop—say one-half or two-fifths. As to the condition of the workingmen and women of this county, it is good. The laborers of this county can always get work and good pay if they will work. The land owners are the ones that are put to it the worst, on account of not being able to get laborers when they need them. We can't get a colored laborer to work more than seven to ten months in a year.

WHEELWRIGHT.—Having been handed one of your circulars, and feeling interested in it, I have filled it out to the best of my knowledge.

There being no factories of any sort in my neighborhood, there are but few wage-earners with us except farm laborers. Before I turned my attention to the smith and wheelwright business, I was a journeyman mechanic. There are but few mechanics in my neighborhood, and they govern the status of wages, which will average about one dollar and fifty cents per day. The farm laborers are not so well blessed, as the farmers fix their own prices, or rents, whichever it be.



In my opinion, the first thing to be done for the improvement of the laboring class is to give them the advantage of an education. The next is, to reduce the tariff on the necessities of life and on raw materials. This will give him cheaper food and raiment.

E. E.—The land in the vicinity and township in which I live is very rich, and farming is the chief occupation carried on. The laboring class of people, men and women, could live comfortably and happy on the present wages and prices, but indolence, slothfulness and idleness make hard times among them. My opinion, however, is that the times are better now than generally in the past with the laboring class of people. There is always some employment for those who are willing to work, and a penny to pay him his earnings.

I am a citizen of Fairfield and do think that it is one of the finest and richest little cities, and the most progressive, with the best citizens, in the Union.

MACHINIST AND MILLWRIGHT.—I was raised a farmer, and have observed the customs of farmers and their employees for the past thirty years, and must say that the laborers are about the same to-day that they were thirty years ago here. There is not so much confidence placed in the employee, and wages generally are lower than they were a few years ago. Farmers pay from eight to twelve dollars per month for field hands and give them employment about seven months in the year. It is often the case that farm hands leave their employer in crop season, causing more or less loss to the farmer, but I contend it is for want of system as to employing laborers. While we have a right to pay what wages we choose, we should not try to hire our neighbor's help from him, or offer him an advance on his wages to cause him to leave a contract before it is filled. While our working men can scarcely keep clothes to wear and something to eat, the farmers only about hold their own, and say they cannot with the low price of corn afford to pay more.

BLACKSMITH.—I think that if the apprentice system was adopted in our section it would be a good thing for the mechanics. Especially the mechanics who have spent their time and money to learn the trade, are kept out of work by those who have not spent any time or money, only to buy a few tools, and then do all the work they can for a little money. I think that it would improve our trades if we could have more system about them. We ought to have laws and all be governed by those laws. I think that the working men with us are in pretty fair circumstances. I think that all boys or men desiring to learn a trade should be required to serve two years under a good boss, and that the boss should give them a chance to learn all that they can in that time.

CALEB HOLLOWAY.—I am a colored man and am willing to work for my living. My wages are better on an average than the most of those of my race. Hands on the farm get what they are worth; an industrious, peaceable and honest laborer gets better wages and has more friends than an indolent one. All who work and economize fare well enough; it is the indolent man who complains. Work can be obtained almost every day in the year. But few, if any, are cheated out of their wages. Farmers, the most of them in my community, will pay cash if laborer prefers. We need no law better than we have to regulate the labor system. Good, honest and faithful labor will regulate itself, and is always in demand at top prices.



SUPERINTENDENT MILLS.—Wages are good in this place. The white laborers get good wages, and they live well and try to save something. The colored laborers get from seventy-five cents to one dollar per day in the mill, but they spend all they make and go in debt whenever they can, which is most of the time.

I think there ought to be some provision made as to the number of hours constituting a day's work. I think ten hours is enough.

IREDELL.

PRINTER.—All or nearly all the printers at work in the office where I am employed have shares in the Building and Loan Association, and two of them are paying for houses through the Association now. It is a good institution for working people.

JOHN M. COLEY, PAINTER.—The condition of working people in this town is bad, but not so bad as it was last year, I think. Their condition could be much improved, I believe, by the organization of each trade to itself, and all sticking together. Another thing that is needed by all trades, and the public also, is a law regulating apprentices and fixing the length of time they should stay at a trade before being allowed to contract for work. As it is now they cause serious injury all around. Some men working in the town, and calling themselves painters, work for seventy-five cents and one dollar a day. They are not good workmen, of course, but they keep good painters from getting jobs. I think our town (Statesville) will afford employment for her working people this year, but wages will be low.

BRICK-MASON.—The most interesting subject to workingmen is the prosperity of the town, because that means work for them. But there is a difference of opinion (on the liquor question) about the prosperity of Statesville. A very large majority of workingmen are in favor of wiping out the whisky curse forever. The average price per day for mechanics is one dollar and twenty-five cents; for common laborers, seventy-five cents; for laboring women, fifty cents.

There are no labor unions except a few Knights of Labor, and they have no control over the laboring class. The apprentice system is a thing of the past. The working people have to practice the closest economy to make ends meet. More honesty among employers as well as employees, more confidence in each other, and less whisky would, in my opinion, greatly improve the condition of the working class.

PRINTER.—We need a better system of employing apprentices. As it is, a boy can go into a printing office and sweep the floor (occasionally) and distribute a little "pi," and, in a few months he is a full-fledged printer, or at least he thinks he is. There ought to be a law requiring a boy to work as an apprentice for at least four years. We suffer some from this class here, though not to a great extent. The condition of our trade here is very good. All of the printers in this town, or at least those employed on "The Landmark," are strictly temperate in their habits. None of them drink at all. The feeling between employee and employer is good—we feel that his success is our success. Right here I would like to state, that there is no better friend of the laborer than the editor of "The Landmark."



BRICK-MASON AND PLASTERER.—My work is done in such a shape that I can hardly give you any satisfaction. I work by the job or per day, as the parties wish. I run a team for hauling building material, &c. Also farm some. There ought to be some way to keep persons who have not served a regular apprenticeship from contracting. I don't feel competent to offer any suggestions.

PAINTER.—There is no regularity in work here at all. A great many painters work too cheap, which causes low wages. There is no work of any consequence for ladies. What few are employed get very low prices. There are no trades unions in this city, nor do any labor laws govern the workmen here. Every man for himself, and his own price for work is the rule. I think trades unions or labor laws would be beneficial in this place. Apprentices get from fifty cents to sixty-five and seventy-five cents per day. I think the working class here and their families are in a very bad condition. My opinion concerning working men and women is that if they would establish reasonable prices for their labor, and not cut under them, their condition would be greatly ameliorated.

JACKSON.

CARPENTER.—Carpenters' wages here are from one to two dollars per day; farm hands seventy-five cents. There is a great deal of work going on here now. Our little town is building up quite fast. We need a few more merchants here now.

PRINTER.—Wages eight dollars per week. Laborers get seventy-five cents per day, paid in cash and goods. I think if there were fewer printers we could all get better wages and live better. There are too many jack-leg printers going over the country keeping good men out of work.

MILLWRIGHT.—I have tried to fill out your blank as honestly as I could, but it will not apply to the people generally. I came from Virginia here; have been here three years; I think in that short time there has been a change for the better. I have a rule by which I take apprentices, but I believe I am about all the mechanic here that does. I find plenty of work to do in my line. I am at a loss to know what would improve the condition of the workingmen. There are some very hard living people in this county, and but few mechanics at all. There is no working system at all; but ten hours is usually considered a day's work.

CARPENTER.—I am not accustomed to writing. I fear I cannot say anything that would be of interest to you or myself. There is one thing I wish to say: we ought to have a law in this State regulating the number of hours per day for the laboring class. Here, under my own observation, we have laborers who have to work from sun up to sundown, resting one hour at twelve o'clock, at seventy-five cents per day, paying eight dollars per month for rations, for single men, or rent from their employers at high figures. We should have a system or law regulating the price of labor according to quantity and quality, the number of hours per day, &c. Until that is done we have to undergo a great many hardships and disadvantages imposed upon us by greedy speculators and oppressors, and our children, like myself, will have to do without the advantage of an education.

R. C. C.—My opinion is, if the wages of the laboring men were paid promptly in cash our condition would be materially improved; but as long as our wages are in orders on the stores, and we get provisions and goods at one hundred per cent.



advance, we cannot live, to say nothing of accumulating. The credit system harms both employer and employee.

JOHNSTON.

SAWYER, &C.—I will say that the condition of laborers in this county is in a very bad state, as common labor is from six to ten dollars per month for farm hands, and twelve to fourteen for wagon and saw mill labor, and this is mostly paid in store orders that are worth about sixty cents on the dollar. As to the small farmers in this county, at least ninety per cent., are under mortgage and do not have the money to pay hands, and they are obliged to go to some merchant and give a mortgage for supplies, and then pay their hands in store orders, on which the merchant will make from twenty to thirty per cent. I think if the homestead law was abolished, so that our small farmers could borrow money from whom they pleased, and their notes be good for the amount of money that they are worth, with no shield for dishonesty, that would be a great help.

CARPENTER.—More work and a better system for work is what we want. The prices paid here for labor are: Farm hands, six dollars to eight dollars per month; day laborers, about forty cents per day; house carpenters, from seventy-five cents to one dollar and twenty-five cents per day; brick layers and plasterers, from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day; railroad hands, fifty cents per day; saw mill hands, fifty cents per day.

MECHANIC.—Farming is the chief occupation in this section of the county. The mechanical work carried on is very little, and under no system as to hours of labor, &c. Mechanics, such as carpenters, etc., get one dollar and twenty-five cents and one dollar and fifty cents per day for their work.

MECHANIC.—As to the present condition of my section, I believe the working system is as it has usually been for the past several years. Farming is the chief occupation of the people.

JONES.

MECHANIC.—I have been at the trade of making and repairing wagons, carts, &c., for thirty years, and will say that the condition of the men engaged in this business is anything but favorable, many of whom have shut up and gone into other business with the hope of bettering their condition.

Cause: first, the farmers who were their patrons have pursued the one crop system, planting cotton and mortgaging it, until it is impossible to work for them and get the pay for your work. Many will order work put up for them to get when they sell their cotton. When the cotton is sold the mechanic often finds that the merchant steps in and secures the most of the crop for supplies furnished to raise the crop.

Our impression is that the mortgage system ought to be abolished, also the homestead law, and let every cent of a man's property stand good for his debts. As it is now many of our farmers and mechanics, who are worth less than a homestead, have to mortgage their all at ruinous time prices to obtain supplies, which it is impossible for them ever to pay for. The result is that they are run for a few years, when the merchant shuts down and they are closed out with the loss of all. Would it not be better to abolish the homestead and let the property stand for

supplies? Then men who have a little property could obtain a limited amount of credit, without mortgage or time prices. As it is a man may be worth nine hundred dollars in property, and yet he must mortgage and pay a ruinous per cent. Abolish these things and good times will appear.

C. H.—I am a carpenter and buggy and wagon builder and blacksmith. I take work by the job, or at one dollar and fifty cents per day. We have a farm, which is run by my brother. We are both batchelors. We have a cook, at five dollars per month, and pay forty cents per day for women, and fifty cents for men, on the farm, they boarding themselves. Wages are not as good as heretofore. For the last three years crops have been very light, which makes money scarce and everything dull. There has not been any change in the condition of the working class, and in my opinion there will not be any change in their condition. As a rule, day laborers will not work, only barely enough to support themselves and families. If one is so fortunate as to get five dollars he will not do another lick of work until every cent of that is gone. Idleness is one great cause of hard times here. There is too much hunting and fishing in this section for the people to prosper. Hands that are trusty and will work can find plenty to do the year round at reasonable wages.

B. F. S.—We have no public works; no manufacturing industries in this county for the employment of male or female. Farming is about the only business carried on where labor can find employment to any extent, consequently many people are unemployed—they can't get work. The establishment of factories among us would be a great blessing, because it would afford employment to many people who need it.

MECHANIC.—We need more work, better wages on a cash basis, and the home-stead law done away with.

B. F. M.—We want more money in circulation; we want more and better labor; we want better transportation; we want better to understand fertilizers; we want less spurious articles of manures; we want the Blair Bill through Congress; we favor the Mill's Bill—but it is too limited; we are opposed to the General Pension Bill, that pensions everybody whether they deserve it or not, and whether they ask for it or not.

#### LENOIR.

BLACKSMITH.—The general condition of this county is bad, the cause of the labor depression being the bankrupt condition of the farmers.

I have been in business for myself some years and from the commencement up to date it has dropped off over one-half. I have also been working at the smith business nearly all the time, and would like to get a job now if I could.

CARRIAGE-MAKER.—In my opinion, mechanics of the different trades ought to form some organization, so they could work together in harmony. Employers should pay their hands weekly, in cash; they could live better on their small wages if they could get it weekly in cash.

BRICK-MASON.—I think a better system in regard to wages and hours would prove a great blessing to workingmen.

CARPENTER.—The great need of this country is employment for the people. The carpenters here cannot get work more than half to three-fourths of the year;



there are some of them who, because they cannot get work at their trade, have had to go out and get shingles and rails in order to make a support for their families.

CARPENTER.—Any industry that will give employment would be welcomed in our county, and would improve the condition of our people. There are openings here for manufacturing enterprises. If men of means would come here and invest, they would doubtless find it profitable.

BLACKSMITH.—The best thing, I think, to improve labor is regulation and organization in the matter of prices, so that when one has bid on a piece of work, another will not come in and underbid him.

MECHANIC.—I would like to say that the working class of men and women, at present, in our town, are generally idle, on account of dull times and scarcity of money. Carpenters and brick-layers are leaving here and seeking employment elsewhere. There are but few manufacturing industries here, and they are seriously injured by imported work, a great deal of which is done by convict labor. I, as a working man, would be glad to know that convict labor was prevented from coming into competition with paid labor. It greatly cheapens the production of goods and implements, which of course causes low prices, and as manufacturers have to sell on the same terms and prices, they have to pay their laborers low wages.

M. C., CARPENTER.—The farmers and common laborers generally receive as wages by the month from four dollars to eight dollars, taken up by orders, paying the highest cash and time prices, on the mortgage system. The highest prices paid women and children on the farm are thirty-five cents, forty cents and forty-five cents per day, and board themselves. A considerable number of the people in town and country are out of employment, because the employers have not means to pay them. Every honest, intelligent man of truth is bound to acknowledge that these three years have been the hardest the Southern States ever experienced, and except something is done, we are now lost to advancement both white and colored, i. e. the laborers.

BRICK-LAYER AND PLASTERER.—The laboring class of people in this county have to work for very small wages. Laborers on the farms get from six to nine dollars per month, and then have to take orders on some time-store and get seventy-five cents worth in the dollar. The man who has the money compels the poor man to work for nothing. Wages are going down all the time. Five years ago we got fifteen cents per yard to do plastering, and now we only get eight and nine cents for the same work. The botch of a negro has put wages down. There are some of our wealthiest men who never employ a white man for any thing. House rent is high. The homestead and bankrupt law is a curse to the poor man. It causes him to have no credit. The mortgage system has ruined the country in my line of trade. The middle man is the one who hurts the poor man.

#### LINCOLN.

PAINTER.—I do not belong to any trades unions, but I think they are a good thing. They prevent the various cutting in prices, all manufactories having to pay the same scale of wages, they necessarily have to charge about the same for work. Unions are a help, therefore, to employers as well as employees. It would

be a blessing in my trade if we could get rid of the tramp painters with which part of the country is cursed. They go through the country, taking work at any price, and making it last twice as long as it ought to, and not half done at that. Work is very scarce at present in this town and prospects not very bright for the summer.

MACHINIST AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER.—As an employer, I answer the foregoing blank, and would say that the condition of work in my line is, on an average, better than for the last three years. We have no trades union, and do not want any (so our hands say), and we say so emphatically. Our apprentices are employed at fifty dollars per year and their board, for three years; ten per cent. reserved till the time is out. Labor laws are good, as far as we know. The condition of workingmen and their families is as good as it is possible, for the want of capital and trade to improve it. To improve it, we want more capital and a better home market for our goods. The prevailing habit of our people is to go somewhere else when they want anything in our line, although we furnish as good work, and at less price.

CARPENTER.—In answer to your inquiries, would say: I am, first, in favor of any law that would give us, the working class, a chance to labor for wages, and when they are earned to be *paid in cash*, or in goods at a "reasonable" price, when we cannot get the money to trade elsewhere. At this place there is only one store—owned by the owners of the paper-mills, hence the cause of our having to trade here. No man at this place has made anything to lay aside and lived as he should in my opinion.

MOULDER AND FARMER.—Farmers to the rest of mankind are what the driving wheel is to an engine, and when the driving wheel stops the train stops—when the farmer stops everything is at a stand still. The farmers are imposed on by all classes, and if it were not for the farmers where would this world be? Money is lying in the United States Treasury, doing no good, when it ought to be appropriated to schools that the poor might receive the benefit of an education. If more interest were taken in schools it would be better for the masses.

Cotton factories are being erected in Catawba and Lincoln counties, yet that does not cause an advance in the price of cotton. The manufacturers pay about seven, nine and ten cents per pound for the raw material and get about eighteen cents per pound for the warp, and when the farmer has to buy the same article back in goods it costs him about one dollar per pound. That is the way the old mare has to tote the load.

SAWYER AND CARPENTER.—Above all things I am opposed to this Knight of Labor business, because nothing tends to take the earnings of the workingmen more than this system. The only way that it is possible for us (the working class) to make a living and to accumulate anything is, when we get a good job stick to it, do good work, and be honest with it. Too many of the workingmen want their own price, and especially the poorest ones, and if they cannot get that they will not work. My policy is, when I cannot make a dollar, I had better make a quarter. Regarding the apprentice system, when any one can learn a trade without securing the required three years, he had better do it. He will make a much better workman if he takes it up himself.



## MCDOWELL.

STONE-MASON.—I have no doubt but what this will some day be one of the best sections of the State, for we have many natural advantages, such as good water-power, fine stone quarries, good timber in abundance and gold mines. Marion, the county seat, will be the centre of two great railroads, one from east to west and one from north to south. Capitalists would find profitable investments here, and would be of benefit to the community by giving employment to labor.

J. W. H.—We need railroads and manufactories, to give employment to labor and afford us some shipping facilities and give us a market. I live fifteen miles from any railroad and produce such as the farmers have to sell, which is principally corn and is very cheap. Corn sells for forty to fifty cents per bushel, and at these prices a farmer cannot make any money, and cannot pay much for wages.

CARPENTER.—I have not been working but very little at my trade for eight years, on account of poor health, therefore I cannot answer your inquiries as fully as you request. The people in my section are generally employed in farming. Mechanics of all kind find but little employment. My section has a surplus of young men seeking work, but there is but little for them to do, and wages are low—about eight dollars per month with board and lodging, or per day fifty to sixty cents, board themselves. The condition of men and their families who work for wages is poor indeed. Anything that would give them employment at fair wages would be of great benefit to them. The establishing of factories of various kinds would give a demand for labor that cannot now find employment.

SPRING-BED MAKER.—There is no better place to live that I have found than this, and I have travelled over many States. We have a good climate, good lands, plenty of good timber, but we need skilled workmen and capital. The people here live like they had nothing to do, but trust in Providence. They sit about the stores too much, and Providence is kept busy all the time. I do not belong to any trades union, but think they are good when properly conducted.

MECHANIC.—The wages of workingmen are very low. Carpenters, about a dollar a day; common labor, fifty cents, and they have to take a good part of that in trade. The condition of laboring people is generally bad. In some cases they do not work enough, and those who do can hardly get wages enough to keep their families comfortable. And as for women, there is scarcely anything for them to do, and they get very little for it when they can get work. They have to work for about half price and take pay in trade or anything they can get. There are many poor women here who can hardly live. Wages ought to be better, and there ought to be a law requiring wages to be paid in cash.

BRICK AND STONE-MASON.—If capitalist would come here and invest they would find it profitable. We have fine rock and stone quarries, gold mines, and good water power and timber. Then it would provide employment for the people, which we need very much.

## MACON.

C. D. H.—The condition of the working people in this vicinity are steadily improving. More attention is being given to the grasses, stock-raising, &c., and improving breeds; a better system of farming; more attention to fruits of all kinds



adapted to the climate. All kinds of farm produce bring remunerative prices. More money in circulation than a year ago; minerals are being developed; the people are building themselves more comfortable houses; farm wages average ten dollars per month and board, or seventy-five cents per day without board; mining wages are one dollar per day. Public roads are being improved rapidly; school houses, churches, &c., are being built and improved. The people of this section, as a rule, never go in debt but little. There is not a farm in my knowing over which is a lien, mortgage or anything of the kind. I have never known a farmer in this township to give a lien on crops.

SAWYER.—The want of money, and the want of interest on the part of the workmen in the business in which they are employed, is the cause of low wages. We need confidence and an interest in one another as employer and employee.

T. W. MCL.—We have no laws regulating labor, neither in the field, shop, mill or factory, nor anywhere else. Every man is for himself and the devil is for all, if he can catch them. We have a diversified interest of occupation, chiefly agricultural, but mining, stock raising, fruit growing and other minor pursuits, are followed. Our finances are in a wholesome condition—the county is well nigh out of debt. Our mineral interest is both extravagant and abundant, and most of it of a superior quality. Our timber is unexcelled. Our lands are rich naturally and produce well. Our people are mostly industrious. We have but few negroes and they are generally obedient and respectful. First-class churches and school houses in almost every township and district. Flouring mills, steam saw mills, planing mills, &c. First-class society, and not a bar room in the county.

BRICK AND ROCK-MASON.—Workingmen have the necessities of life and live comfortably in this county. There is no labor organization here.

#### MADISON.

H. P. C.—I think if our farmers would devote their time and labor more to corn, wheat, hogs, vegetables, &c., instead of tobacco, we would have much better times, for the poor men that rent land have all these things to buy, and when they raise a crop of tobacco it takes all they make to pay for what they live on while making it.

CARPENTER.—Mechanics and workingmen should organize so as to be able to act together in making prices, regulating hours of work, &c., then if a man works under the price, run him out of the county.

CARPENTER AND CABINET-MAKER —The apprentice system, as it is worked here, does very well. An apprentice works three years at a trade, at the end of that time, his employer generally gives him a suit of clothes, a set of tools and ten dollars in money. I think that is about as good as could be done. The majority of people here have to work ten to twelve hours at any trade. There is no rule or regulation about anything. Wages of laborers vary fifty to seventy-five cents per day; women, about half price. No matter if a woman does as much and as good work as a man, she does not get much over half the man's wages. This is not right, there should be no discrimination except in amount or quality of work whether it be woman or man. The working people need organization and a better understanding with each other. So that they could regulate prices and stick to them.



TINNER.—This town (Marshall) is but a small place, only one tin-shop, and only few mechanics of any kind. All that I know of are in very good circumstances, not rich of course, but making a good living.

MILLWRIGHT.—Poor pay makes poor labor and full jails; good pay does away with many crimes. No man can support a family of four for seven or eight dollars a month. We also want some protection against explosion of steam boilers. We have millers in this county that own mills and grind for the public who use boilers that I, as a machinist, am afraid of, and of course could not send one of my children to mill for fear he would be blown into atoms. Many accidents happen from neglect of repair.

FIREMAN OF SAW MILL.—Wages one dollar per day. Work from sun to sun. Wages of all workingmen are low and very little cash is received. Working-women can find very little work to do and at very small pay, thirty cents a day being an average of all they can get on a farm. I do not know what to suggest to improve our condition, but we need improvement very badly.

CARPENTER.—I think if the people of my trade would form a system of time as to day labor, say eight or ten hours, it would be better. There is no employment in this town for girls, and I have five. If you know of any system that would be of any benefit to carpenters, please let me hear from you. Work is scarce, as there is little to do. Tolerable fair carpenters are working for one dollar per day and required to work from sun to sun, one hour for dinner. I have tried to establish the ten hour system, but could not, as the carpenters think they cannot get work unless they work to suit their employers, so I have to do as others or get but few contracts.

#### MECKLENBURG.

BRICK-LAYER.—The way for the workingmen and all others to improve their condition is to *do right*.

CABINET-MAKER.—My opinion in regard to workingmen, in my branch of trade, is that there should be a better established system in the employment of apprentices. It would be a great benefit to the employer as well as to the employee. I have been employed in the furniture business for the past three years. Before that time, I had worked at the buggy and carriage business, but by so many incompetent workmen coming in and working for less than a good workman could afford to live, it reduced that class of work to so low figures that I, being a journeyman workman, competent to do any kind of wood work, resorted to the cabinet business for a living. Unless there is some better established system in regard to apprentices, or incompetent workmen coming in, being employed to do the work of a journeyman, in a shoddy manner, at half the price that ought to be paid to have the work done well, good workmen will soon have to quit their trade and resort to other means of making a living.

L. H.—We have many of the laboring class of people in our neighborhood, and a good many of them are poor. They have plenty to support them, but were all in debt. Pride has proved a curse to some of our men and women. They put too much on their backs and did not try to avoid a load of debt. I think, however,

we will get along better now, as the Lord blessed us with good crops last year and the people are out of debt for the first time in several years.

Wages are very good on the farm. Laborers are paid ten dollars per month and board.

W. H. T.—In my opinion, there is no chance for an improvement in the condition of the laboring class, while the financial affairs of the country remain as they are at present, except by strict economy. The farmers of this section, as a mass, are in debt, and at least two years behind, and of course it makes it hard on all classes. I think one great cause of this trouble is that our farmers plant too much cotton, and neglect grain and home supplies in general too much. If every farmer in this section would plant and try to raise his own supplies, and put the surplus in cotton, it would bring about better times for all classes.

MITCHELL.

CARPENTER.—There is not much mechanical work going on in this county. Wages are very low. Carpenters receive about one dollar per day, with about one-third of that paid in cash. Other trades about the same. Farm laborers receive about fifty cents a day and board, working by the day. Wages have not increased during the past year, but have decreased generally. Our public schools are in session about three months each year. We have no system as to hours of labor or anything else, but usually work twelve hours per day.

MONTGOMERY.

ENGINEER.—We have no trades unions or other labor organization here except among the farmers. I do not know that they would be of any good if we had them. We have in some parts of the county the Farmer's Alliance, which seems to be doing something for the benefit of the farmers and mechanics.

MILLER.—As a general thing, the condition of the working class is improving. There has been much progress during the past six months on account of public works, mines, &c., going on here. Mechanics are getting from one dollar to two dollars per day, laborers seventy-five cents to one dollar and twenty-five cents per day. Men on the farms get seven dollars to twelve dollars per month. In the cotton mills the wages average for all hands, all round, about fifty cents a day.

TANNER.—We need more practicable farming, make more compost at home, and thus save buying so much guano, &c. We also need a railroad to give us a market for our produce and surplus. We also should rid ourselves of all extravagant living and economize in everything. I will also say, that while I have worked twenty-five years in tanning, that I have only worked for two men, the last fifteen years have been working regularly for one man.

MECHANIC.—The condition of the working class is growing better and opportunities for employment are increasing. There are some gold mines running now and others opening up. Tobacco factories and cotton factories are also being built. The farmers are doing better too, they are quitting cotton and going to make more grain and tobacco.

CARPENTER.—There should be some means of regulating or grading mechanics, especially carpenters. The public do not know whether a man has served one



year or ten years, whether he is competent to do a job or not until he tries it. They employ a cheap man, who gives them a botch job, and they have to put up with it. The law should be amended so as to grade and license all mechanics, according to what they know.

CARPENTER.—I was raised on a farm in Pennsylvania, served a regular apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and have worked at it fifteen years. I came to this State to farm; after farming two years I had to go back to my trade. Nearly one-third of the men in this county are carpenters or are so-called. They never served any apprenticeship and most of them only know but little about it. Bad workmen have killed the trade here, a good workman can only get the price of a bad one now.

MECHANIC AND FARMER.—I have made this list as accurate as I can. I live in a small village of one hundred and fifty inhabitants. The farm laboring price has increased from fifty to seventy-five cents, and farmers are going down because they cannot pay prices for labor. Mineral development has caused prices of labor to advance—mining labor gets seventy-five cents to one dollar and fifty cents per day. Five large mines at work in the county, and there are more being opened; each one carries one hundred hands. Farming is not advancing as fast as other works. Mechanics and skilful miners demand a good price. Farmers are becoming more awake to their interest and organizing themselves into farmers' clubs, &c., and through them are ordering all their supplies through agents, bringing down prices of merchandise, doing away with mortgages, and going more on the cash system. I think this will bring about a great change. Goods are much cheaper than they were a year ago. I think this will be better for every class. It will be a cash system.

#### MOORE.

PAINTER.—I think we should have some system about working, that is, ten hours per day or less, and pay by the hour instead of by the day, and not work as we do here, ten and eleven hours per day. We have no time to attend to our home duties or to improve our minds by studying or reading. I think if the workingmen are given an opportunity to cultivate their minds by reading good books and papers, they will make better citizens and will look closer after the interest of their employers. Here it is "push, push, hurry up" all the time. After and before work hours employers don't know or don't care how these men pass their time.

WHEELWRIGHT, &C.—I have always made it a point to work as nearly every day as possible and to live inside of my income. I have observed that the average mechanic who failed to do well, either was extravagant or unhealthy, if he had regular employment. Extravagance and discontent are doing the laboring classes more harm than any other thing I know of. Apprentices are taken in at the shops here for three years—either in the wood, iron, painting or trimming department; they get their board and clothes the first year, and if they are smart, they have a raise for each of the remaining years. They hardly ever fail in getting the trade they desire.

LABORER.—I am a young man and cannot say much from my own experience. Farm labor is down, but perhaps as high as could be expected in this section of

country, as farms are in a poor condition, and but little interest is taken in their improvement.

The most of farm laborers in this section rent and are in only moderate circumstances. Most all are under mortgage.

SAM T. FRY.—Only a few remarks on the system of apprentices. It is too much of a custom in this country to employ an apprentice with a very slight understanding as to the system of his apprenticeship. I think there ought to be some obligation both on the part of master and servant. That is, when the master takes an apprentice into his care, to learn him the art and mysteries of a trade, he, the aforesaid apprentice, should be placed under the instructions of a journeyman capable of imparting to him his trade. On the other hand, the master should have full control over the apprentice under all circumstances, and compel him to serve him faithfully, and he, the apprentice, should be bound to conduct himself in a manner that his master may not sustain any loss or damage on account of his misconduct.

#### NASH.

SAWYER AND CARPENTER.—Being myself a laborer, with a family looking to me for support, I have but little time to plan or form many ideas as to which or what would be best for the laboring class of our vicinity. I know that many changes could be made for our benefit if we had some good man to take hold and act, but such is not the case. We are doomed, as you might say, to drive the main wheel and be servants, and we try to be content. I could write volumes on the need of system and labor laws and regulation, but will close with the above few remarks.

BLACKSMITH.—All workmen that I know of live up to their income. Very few ever accumulate anything. I do not know the cause of it. Whiskey is one of the great evils with the working class of people. I think if we could abolish it from our country there would be more prosperity among the laborers. A great many of them spend all their earnings for whiskey, while their families are suffering for the necessities of life. There ought to be some law to make a man provide for his family.

PRINTER.—Owing to the large number of boys who have entered the offices of country newspapers and worked in them only a short time, and then set themselves up for printers, our wages have been reduced to a minimum. The editor of the country newspaper being pressed by the hard times employ these boys for low wages to the injury of those who are more skilled. Hence, many of the most skillful printers are compelled to either work for wages barely sufficient for necessary comforts, or tramp from one end of the country to the other.

TINER.—Take the tariff off of tin plate and give us a good school here, and I, for one, will feel better.

CARPENTER.—The need of this country now is specially to be blessed with good and bountiful crops, thereby stimulating the farmer, the merchant, the lawyer, the doctor and every one, and then we all who wish to work and get along, will be benefitted and made easy. I also notice that most every workman who is honest and tries to get along, is very apt to succeed.



## NEW HANOVER.

**HARNESSE-MAKER.**—The working people, as a class, in Wilmington are not as prosperous as they were five or eight years ago. The causes I may not be able to trace. There is a great need of manufactories of a small kind to give employment to many who are undergoing often enforced idleness. The present high tariff operates adversely to laboring people, I have no doubt. The crops for some years in this barren section have not been good; trade in the city, as a consequence, has suffered. The prices for labor in some callings are much too low.

**TINNER.**—The hardware and tinning business is generally very good. The employers I work for are clever men, and good men to work for, but I do not think they pay wages enough. We are generally kept busy in fall and winter on stove work, and in summer on roofing, guttering and other tin work. Some tinner get two and a half to three dollars per day. My wages are only two dollars per day, and I think I do as much work as any of them and ought to have as good wages.

**BLACKSMITH.**—Co-operative factories are what we need in our city, to give the laboring men and women and children work. But I don't see any chance to get them without the laboring class will all form themselves into labor unions and save from their wages and put it into a sinking fund until they get enough to start factories, and thus help themselves without waiting and depending always on capitalists.

**MACHINIST.**—The interests of the workingmen and women of this country is a subject which cannot be exhausted. We have no rule in our shop governing the employment of apprentices; that there should be a rule, any one having a knowledge of such things need only peep into our shop to see. We have an apprentice to nearly every journeyman. The condition of unskilled labor in this city is deplorable. The average pay for them is from sixty cents to one dollar per day. House rent is high, and in winter many of them suffer from cold. The only thing that will ever improve the condition of the working people of this land, is to stop immigration of the low, worthless men who under-work our people, and to send men to make our laws *who really know our condition and our needs.*

## NORTHAMPTON.

**BRICK-MASON.**—I am also a farmer and own a farm, therefore I have not answered all the questions. I do not work at my trade all the time, but mostly in the fall season. I have large doctor bills to pay, and do not save much from my trade or farm. The high freights we have to pay takes all the profit from our farm products. I like the Interstate Commerce Law, and think it does much good, but we need a law that will compel the roads to reduce both freight and passenger rates. I think ten hours, and no less, should be a working day.

**BRICK-MASON AND FARMER.**—As I work for wages so little, I have not answered all your questions. To abolish the store order system would, in my opinion, greatly improve farm laborers. On most large farms, hands are hired at from six to ten dollars per month and are paid off with store orders, and then the laborer has to pay twenty-five to fifty per cent. more for provisions to feed his family than he would have to pay if he had the money to pay cash for what he buys.



When a store order is given, it is to a particular store, and the poor white man or negro is obliged to pay unreasonable prices for what he gets, or do without, which means starvation. I think, though, the workingmen's condition is much better than a few years back, as most have the benefit of our educational system, and are learning better how to manage and live. The mortgage system is also, in my opinion, detrimental to poor farmers and laborers, as it destroys their credit. It has become so here that but few poor farmers can get credit without giving a mortgage, and on his homestead at that. So the homestead law, instead of benefitting the small farmer, works to his disadvantage, because he has no credit without giving a mortgage; and then he has to, in most cases, pay exorbitant prices for what he gets, and can trade nowhere else. I would strongly recommend that the "mortgage" be killed, and that a law be passed making it a misdemeanor, punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment, to pay laborers with store orders.

WHEELWRIGHT.—I have answered your questions as near as I could. The people in my neighborhood, the most of them, are trying to make a living. There are some that do not do as well as they could. There are no loafers in our immediate neighborhood.

PLASTERER.—In regard to trades unions and labor laws, I cannot be considered an authority, as I have never found any use for either, but I have been an apprentice, and I hope soon to see some one, with the ability and courage to do so, and understands the question, take the matter in hand and explain to the rising generation that there is just as much respectability in a "trade" as there is in a "profession." There is a great need all through this county for first-class mechanics, and the only way to get them is to let first-class boys select first-class men to instruct them, and with a proper amount of energy, there is money and independence in it.

T. N. B.—The prospect of wages is not bright in this county on account of the low price of cotton. People in this county depend on cotton to pay everything, and if the farmer cannot get a good price for cotton, he cannot pay much for labor. Merchants are getting numerous, and cannot make much profit on selling goods, and therefore they are not able to pay high wages. Many of our farmers in this section buy their fertilizer on time and that decreases wages. So I see no prospect for wages to increase while these facts exist. But if we could have a factory here, it would help by giving employment to the people, making a home market for our cotton, &c.

BRICK-MASON.—We need organization.

CARPENTER.—We need education, and shorter hours of labor. Ten hours should be a day's work.

MECHANIC.—The working class of people in this precinct are generally behind, and we all have to mortgage every year. We, as mechanics, could not support our families by our trade, as there are so many mechanics in the precinct that we cannot get the work to do. As for myself, I have a farm which contributes to the support of my family. If wages could be raised I think it would be better for the working class. There are many here who are trying to run shops that have never had any experience in the business, and they work so very cheap—



did I say work? well, I mean *botch*—that it takes the work from us, consequently making the times too hard for the mechanic to divide the work into so many parts and at the same time have to submit to low prices.

CARPENTER, MILLER, & C.—The condition of the laboring classes generally is about the same as before in this locality. Some are paid by the day, some by the month, some by the year. Very few receive cash at all, and have to trade at places to suit the employer. The wants or rather the needs of the laboring class in this locality can never be supplied short of public transportation to communicate with the markets, that our resources may be really developed. The employer is always a year behind, and has to get assistance from the merchant to run his business, hence the laborer's cash is an impossibility. But if we had transportation, the timber here would enable every man of business to pay cash for labor. We have timber, and fine timber too, just as our Creator gave it to us.

CARPENTER.—During the twenty-two years that I was working at my trade, I bought me a small farm, of one hundred and sixty-five acres, upon which my children all labor as well as myself, when not employed at my trade. I also do work by contract very often and on such occasions make more than daily wages. Wages were lower in this section last year than at any time since the war, owing to a scarcity in money matters, rendered so by bad crops for two or three years. Carpenters' wages are now about one dollar and twenty-five cents per day and board; brick-masons, about two dollars and board; farm laborers receive about forty cents per day and board; females, about twenty-five cents and board. I think farm laborers generally have to take orders on stores and pay higher prices than would be charged for cash. The store-keepers usually hold mortgages on the farmers' crops, and charge what they please when a laborer presents an order taken for his wages. I do not think the condition of the laborer will be any better until the employers pay cash, and I am glad to say they are gradually working to that point. I don't think that tenants on farms work enough. They could, after they have done their own crops, make nearly enough to pay their bills by daily wages, but they generally do nothing after plowing is done.

#### ORANGE.

PAINTER.—In the first place, get rid of the old foolish notion that to be a laborer is not to be respectable. Live this thing down, and then let the farmers learn to know that there are more gods in this world worthy of their admiration than king cotton and drunken tobacco. Some cotton should be raised on lands suited to its growth, but give more attention to things that give life to animate nature. Get up a prohibition on undue and unprofitable speculations.

MECHANIC.—I think if we had more workingmen and farmers elected to the Legislature, we might have better laws and better times. As long as the people send only professional men to make laws for them, so long will they make laws in their interest and not in the interest of the people. I hope to live to see times like they were when I was a boy, when farmers were elected to the Legislature.

BLACKSMITH.—I think the mechanic and laboring man should have laws passed for their better protection. Our laborers' and mechanics' lien law has proven to be a humbug. If a mechanic works upon an article and parts with it without getting his money, his lien is gone. This ought to be remedied.

## PAMLICO.

MECHANIC.—My views are that if men would make more grain and less cotton—if they would make more home manure, and be more cautious of debt—our section would fast improve. Our lands are advancing in value. We need better schools and more of them. Our schools are much neglected. Our district has upwards of eighty children, and we only have about seventy dollars worth of schooling per year. I think the condition of our section generally is improving, both in wealth and population.

We do not approve of commercial fertilizers being used to much extent. It is getting our people in debt, and will ruin our soil. Make more home manure. We are opposed to the mortgage system and wish to put it down.

MACHINIST.—There are not many mechanics here. Those here are men who have mostly picked up their trades. Never served any apprenticeship. There is no manufacturing here, and not much opening for any. We are hoping for good crops this year as the thing most needed by our people.

MECHANIC.—Mechanical labor is on the decrease here, and has been since 1870, said to be owing to the poor crops year after year. Wages have decreased in my trade from one dollar and fifty cents to one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, and I have had to go to farming. I rent land and pay the third of everything made and keep up fences and ditches. When landlord furnishes team and tools with the land, he gets one-half. I regard every tenant as paying better interest than the slaves paid before the war (provided he is a good tenant). The way of the laborer in this county is hard. Something should be done for their relief, but what or how I am at loss to understand or recommend.

## PASQUOTANK.

MECHANIC.—We work ten to fourteen hours per day, and at prices ranging from seventy-five cents to two dollars per day. Workingmen are having rather hard times. We need organization. The workingmen generally feel this; they believe they should act together; whenever they do they generally succeed.

SAWYER.—I have worked at this business twenty-five years. Wages, one dollar and fifty cents per day, and loose nearly half the time. This being a small country place, it is difficult to get logs enough to run all the time. I have a wife and four children. Two of them are married and the other two work in cotton factory at forty-five cents per day each; they loose about one-fourth of their time. Wages have decreased with me the past year twenty-five per cent., and I think the cost of living has increased. We have a very good public school near us, open from six to nine months per year.

We have many good men out of employment. There is not work enough for the people. There is a large timber business here, but instead of putting up the saw-mills here and giving the people work, they ship the round pine and juniper logs away to Virginia and further and saw them up there. The farmers cry out against low prices of cotton and high prices of supplies. Many employers hired colored workmen in preference to white, and the white men have to seek for work elsewhere.



SAWYER.—I am sorry to say there are no rules or regulations as to labor here at all. Men and women work from ten to fourteen hours per day in summer and from sun to sun in winter. Common labor can be obtained for forty to fifty cents per day, and in some cases gets seventy-five cents to a dollar. Men working at the depots and wharves, discharging freight, get fifteen cents per hour. In the trades, carpenters, masons, calkers, painters, &c., work for from one dollar to three dollars and fifty cents per day. There are so many cobblers of all trades, that good mechanics can hardly get any work, unless it is a particular job. Men who know a little something of use of tools, being driven from the farms by poverty, come to the towns and work at any and every price, and while barely making subsistence for themselves and families, they are keeping the mechanics, who have learned their trade and have nothing else to depend upon, out of their legitimate work, and oftentimes causing their families to suffer. It is not right; there is wrong somewhere. These farmers ought to be farming, and doubtless would be if they had their choice. Then they would be following their legitimate calling, producing something and in the way of nobody.

ENGINEER AND MACHINIST.—I am a poor authority with regard to condition of working men and their families, the needs of the times, etc., in this section, being single. So far as my observation goes, the condition of the working man would be vastly improved if their wives knew how to cook properly and manage economically. Bad cooking and wasteful management is the bane of the working-man financially. Hot biscuit and fat pork is the ruin of all constitutions, physically. Eschewing pork in all forms, and hot biscuit or baker's bread, I do not know what malaria or indigestion is, and cannot sympathize with those thus afflicted, seeing it is their own fault.

So far as wages among the laborers and artisans is concerned, they both receive fair to good wages in this town; the first are paid seventy five-cents to one dollar per day, and the latter one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars and fifty cents per day.

PRINTER.—I am a deaf-mute, and own a small printing office, with which I make a living. I also run a semi-weekly newspaper, edited by a gentleman who is charitable enough to aid me in this and in many other ways of making a living. I have no reason to complain of the patronage bestowed upon me. If I were a hearing man I perhaps might get along better.

What the laboring men in this section need is a Building and Loan Association. Very few own a house, and very many are desirous of doing so and are willing to work hard for it, but find it difficult to save enough to build on, there being no Savings Bank here.

A laboring man can make a living easy here, perhaps too easy. Many of them work but one-third of their time and still have plenty to eat, especially this time of the year.

SAWYER.—Times, or business, in Elizabeth City, are very dull at this time. There seems to be a great scarcity of money among the business men. Carpenters here only get about three to four days' work in a week. One great drawback to them is that the few contractors here prefer the negro carpenters to the whites, although the whites will do as much, or more work, and better work, too. I think

it would be better for all, and add more to the place, if the whites would give what work they have to white mechanics.

PENDER.

CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.—I have always felt a great interest in the laboring class of my State, and, in response to your questions, I can only speak from experience, and that is for the laboring class to unite solid, stand solid, fight solid, be as one in every instance, and, above all else, live on the cash system; buying only what we pay for; do no job of work only by written contract; and vote for no lawyer, no doctor, no preacher, no merchant for any office of trust, such as to make laws for the laboring class. I am glad to know that the time is not far off when the hearts of the laboring class of our State will be made to rejoice—to know that the laboring man will have a fair, square showing. I give you these few outlines of my sentiments to show you I am ever with you in regard to the building up of the laboring class of people in North Carolina. I served my apprenticeship thirty-one years ago, and have been at work at my trade ever since. I am in hearty sympathy with the work of the Bureau.

PERQUIMANS.

MECHANIC.—We, the mechanics of this vicinity, usually get one dollar and fifty cents per day, and are paid in cash, but cannot get work at all times, and have to board ourselves. The laboring class on farm work, get about fifty cents per day, and a big part of that is trade to the merchants. The laboring system is very poor here. The poor people can get work during the crop season, and then they cannot get work part of the time, and it causes them to see a hard time after crops are over. Our people have a way of paying off a laborer in orders to the store, and the merchant will make a per cent. out of him; if he had the cash he could buy to better advantage. No man can buy goods here as cheap on orders as he can for the cash.

BLACKSMITH.—There are so many half mechanics here that a good workman can hardly get a job at a living price. I think there ought to be some law to regulate this thing, and the hours for a day's work also.

CARPENTER.—If a factory were started here, so that women and children could find employment, it would be a great help to the poor, and would benefit all business by putting more money in circulation.

CARPENTER.—We have no rules in regard to labor. We work from sun to sun. I only worked about half my time last year—could not get it to do, and that was the case with many other mechanics.

BLACKSMITH.—We need better school facilities. We have been having four months school per year heretofore, but now we can only have two months.

MECHANIC.—I don't know that anything can be done by law to help us. We cannot get work at our regular trade more than one-half the time, but there is generally other work to be done by which we can live. We need good workingmen of stability and energy.

SAWYER.—If the farmers could become as well systematized as the mechanic and merchants are in their business, and let the laboring classes know that they



could not work only by some kind of system, I think it would improve things. Any laboring man that is provided with regular work, good food and comfortable lodgings, will improve as a rule and take more pride in his work, and interest in the community. Some are under the impression that all labor has degenerated, but I think it is improving, and as soon as the laborer knows that at the settling day, their money is ready, I think they will be ready to earn it promptly.

## PERSON.

BRICK-MASON.—I am a brick-layer and plasterer, and own a home of one hundred acres of land. I get as much work as I can do, as I am considered a first-class workman, but prices are low, and I cannot afford to hire many hands, but have to employ some, and pay two dollars per day for good workmen. I never do journeyman work myself, but could get two dollars and fifty cents per day. I am getting old and prefer working by contract. I have been working at my trade fifty years.

Field labor is good, from six to ten dollars per month in orders, being paid.

We have a good public school near by.

We have no hour system, but work from sun to sun. I was raised that way and cannot get out of it.

CARPENTER.—To labor for a living is honorable, and I think the laboring party of our country should have some legislation, but I am incompetent to suggest it. The workingmen and women of to-day are in a more prosperous condition than three years ago.

ROCK-MASON.—We think that the only way to improve the condition of laborers is for the State to establish a standard price for laborers of different grades of mechanics, farm hands, women, &c., as the State does interest on money. The majority of laborers are not capable of making contracts. We see good men working for less than they can possibly live at, consequently they are forced to beg or steal.

## PITT.

CARPENTER AND WHEELWRIGHT.—In this community the condition of the working people is well enough, or that is as well as anywhere. There are not many carpenters in my community who cannot get employment most of the time, and those who get but little work have themselves alone to blame, as they require too much pay for a little labor. I get work all the time at reasonable compensation. Exorbitant charges will not do here, as every man who has work to do has the money to pay for it. My experience is that it is better to work for one dollar per day and get work all the time than to charge one dollar and a half and only get work one-fourth of the time. At the wheelwright business I get two dollars and fifty cents per day, but do not do very much at it.

W. J.—Good men who ought to demand twelve and fifteen dollars per month on a farm are only getting from five dollars to seven dollars per month; women who ought to get eight and ten dollars per month on a farm will do well to get five dollars per month. Carpenters work ten hours per day when they can get anything to do, their wages ranging from one dollar and twenty-five cents to two dollars per day. This is for the best class of work. Laborers around town get



from two dollars and fifty cents to three dollars per week, and have to board themselves out of that. Women washing for large families are paid from three dollars to five dollars per month, and board themselves. Farmers are in debt. Many blacksmiths, brick-layers and carpenters are walking the streets. No doubt if we could establish trades unions here times would be better in the future.

PRINTER.—The laboring class of people seem to be very well satisfied. They get their money when the week is out, generally, and are at liberty to spend it where they choose. In my trade in Greenville we have no length of time for an apprentice to serve, but as they advance in work their pay advances.

MARBLE-WORKER.—The need of the working people is organization.

J. C. V.—I have been living in Greenville for the past four years, and wages are fifty cents per day in this section of the State. Everything else in the same proportion. Mechanics' wages run from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars per day, and they have to take store orders for part payment.

MECHANIC.—The scarcity of money has turned the mechanic out of employment; women, wholly out of employment except those in hotels. To-day it is very gloomy for the laboring man. How he is to raise his family and school his children, we cannot understand. We believe if we could get an equal distribution of the money in the Treasury of the United States, it would help our people very much. The system on which the free schools are run, proves a failure. It is the system that is wrong. We believe proper legislation is the only remedy to relieve the workingman of all these hardships of to-day.

A JACK-AT-ALL-TRADES.—As to what I think best for the working people, generally, in this section—I have worked some for wages by the day at from one to two dollars; I have a mechanic's shop and a small farm, a little saw and grist mill, and cotton gin; I hire some, and pay field hands from six to twelve dollars per month, mechanics from twelve to thirty dollars. I began life with nothing more than a fair mind and sound constitution, and a will to do something. I had the luck, or pluck, to get a smart woman for a wife, and we have had twelve children—six girls and six boys—and we have learned them to work somewhat after our manner, that is, at whatever they thought would pay them best without any disgrace or injury to anybody. Four of my children are married and doing well for poor people. As for trades' unions and labor laws, I have had but little experience, and think I am that much better off. I am satisfied, after thirty years' experience with labor, that any law to regulate wages or the time, will be injurious to the man or woman who wants to make an honest living. For if you force a man to pay more for labor than he is making, he will quit business; and if he is making big profits, some one else will see it and start opposition, and that will raise the labor to about what it is worth. The poor and laboring people of this section need help by law in some way, to enable them to live without giving so many mortgages, for they are a curse to all parties but the Register. And I think that law would be found in doing away with the homestead and personal property exemption laws, which encourages laziness and dishonesty.

MECHANIC.—We have no railroads or other public improvements going on in our county, and work and wages are at a low ebb. I have worked at my trade forty-five years. Wages are lower than ever. It is my opinion that the homestead ex-



emption law should be abolished. No one worth less than a homestead exemption can get any credit without giving a mortgage and paying the high time prices. We have no rules or regulations for the control of labor. The county is controlled in all respects, wages and all, by a few rich land holders. The poor man has nothing to do with the management of affairs, and has to work for whatever he can get.

BLACKSMITH.—Do away with the homestead.

MECHANIC.—It is almost impossible to procure any reliable labor for love or money, and it is impossible to improve affairs until we can have some means of holding men to their contracts.

RANDOLPH.

SAWYER.—We need education, and to get it we should have better educational facilities. A cash system of paying workingmen and women would be a great improvement. Now they have to take about half in trade anywhere the employer says. The operatives in all the cotton mills trade at the company store. If they could get their money each week, they could do much better.

PAINTER.—This county has kept pace with the march of progress in other sections, the society, hospitality and intelligence here will compare favorably with any place in the State. We have many churches and schools. The schools, however, are not all that they should be. We have mechanics and artizans of all trades but in limited number, and as a rule they get pretty fair wages, those that are competent and live do very well. We need more railroads and enterprises of this kind to give plenty of work to the people. We need an improved system of farming and a cash system of paying and buying, which is the only way that working people should live.

CARPENTER.—I think there should be better apprentice laws, tax all trades, especially carpenters' trade. It is worse overrun by jack-legs perhaps of any other. We should also have ten hours for a day's work. Public roads should be worked by taxation and not by the laborers alone as is now the case.

LUMBER-DRYER.—I thank thee for this opportunity to express myself.

Here is the line of demarcation between the pines and oaks—the pines extending to the Gulf of Mexico. Extensive building on Deep river north of here twelve miles, and in an oak country generally, creates a strong demand for dressed pine lumber. I am living at a steam saw and dressing mill. There are other mills not very distant, yet the demand exceeds the supply.

There are about five classes here to be noticed :

- 1st. Physicians would do well if they could collect their bills.
- 2d. Saw-mill men, and some of the merchants, are accumulating wealth.
- 3d. Teachers are getting passable wages.
- 4th. Farmers are living respectably, and some are gaining.
- 5th. Masons and mechanics get respectable wages, while day and month hirelings make their board and clothing, tobacco and Waterbury watches, and then have enough left to get their powder and shot for Christmas, and a sufficiency of candy for the feasts, festivals, socials, exhibitions, &c.

There are three things which nearly always command money here—cotton, dressed lumber and mule colts.



J. M. D.—The thing most needed among workingmen is economy. If the laboring men and women would adopt some plan of saving a small per cent. of their wages, though it be very small, it would in time be of great advantage to them. Labor laws are needed, it is true, but they will do but little good, except this plan of saving were adopted. As a general thing now they spend their wages, whether they be large or small. Savings banks or institutions in every community would be a great help in this direction.

LAPPER RUNNER—COTTON MILL.—In regard to wages at this factory, I can say that we all get better wages than we did last year, and double the number of hands are employed. We are paid in cash, and there is general satisfaction with and no grumbling.

SUPERINTENDENT COTTON MILL.—I think that a compulsory school law would be a good move, and a law making ten hours a day's work in all mills and other factories for women and children. There should also be a law against the employment of children under twelve years old.

BRICK AND STONE WORKER.—Ten hours should constitute a day's work, and no mechanic with a family should be required to work for less than one dollar and fifty cents per day, and women should receive at least fifty cents per day.

SUPERINTENDENT COTTON MILL.—I have worked on the twelve hour system for forty years and have made but little more than a support. I believe this should be changed and ten hours made a day's work. If our children have to work all their lives in a cotton mill they should not be required to work more than ten hours for a day's work. Very many of the hands in this mill are small girls; two-thirds of all are children. All the employees want the ten hour system adopted. We think it would be better for all concerned in manufacturing. The owners would certainly get better work, and over production would be cut down. Some of our cotton mills are running day and night, while others are only working three-fourths of the time. There are no labor organizations at this mill, and we think the Legislature should look after this matter for the welfare and protection of the poor children. In my forty years' experience I have known hundreds of poor children who have grown up in perfect ignorance; they could neither read nor spell. They had no chance to learn. They were obliged to work to help support the family. They could not go to night school, for they began work at four o'clock in the morning, and stopped at twenty minutes past six in the evening. If they had the ten hour system they could attend night school and have a much better chance.

CARPENTER.—Our town is a cotton manufacturing town, about two thousand inhabitants, and I presume that over three-fourths of the population here are operatives in cotton mills, and they all run twelve hours for a day's work, and have ever since I have lived here, which has been now over ten years, and there are a great many children in these mills that are under fifteen years of age, and ought to be in school. I know of several that do not make over twenty cents per day. I know that a majority of our population in this county want, and do insist, in making ten hours a lawful day's work, and also prohibiting the employment of children under fifteen years of age in shops and factories. Our people here are also very much dissatisfied with our present system of working public roads. Our



people are also getting tired of *paste board checks*, and insist that it is unjust, and unreasonable to ask a man or woman (*after doing an honest day's work*) to take anything but *current money of the United States* in pay therefor. It does not give the laboring man a chance to compete with men who have money on the market, but compels him to trade at the company store at long prices for his supplies. We all (*laboring people I mean*) demand that something be done to give the *honest sons and daughters* of toil in our land some *chance to educate* and *elevate* the standard of *morality* among the *working masses*. Our laboring people should be looked after and better protected from the grasp of *selfish monopolies*. Some of us feel very grateful for our *Bureau of Labor Statistics*. We know that it is bound to do *great and lasting good*. We trust it will help to open the eyes of our *law makers* to the interest of the *working classes*. Educate the masses to their best interest, and we have a free people; keep us in ignorance, and we are nothing more than *slaves* that go and come at *another's bidding*. We here are an oppressed people as a general thing, and demand relief at the hands of our government, and we do not expect or want it in any other way. We are a *law-abiding* people, but will ever pray for justice to prevail.

BRICK-MASON AND PLASTERER.—There are no apprentices working at any trade in this part of the country. They all steal their trades. The work in my line is mostly done by the day. They employ a good workman or two, then get a few cheap hands and work them in, so in doing a few jobs they learn to botch up the work pretty well, and can work for about seventy-five cents or one dollar per day. The people employ them because they work cheap, and they get cheap work, too. A good workman has a poor chance of getting anything to do, or much wages. There should be some State law making it a penalty to employ workmen unless they can show that they have served a regular apprenticeship under some first-class workman. They should not be allowed to contract for work in any branch of business without first having served an apprenticeship. If such a law could be passed we would have better buildings, and the mechanics in the country would get more work and better wages, and the boys who are now loafing around, doing nothing, would be learning trades. There is no inducement for them to lose the time to learn a trade now and work at common laborers' wages. I have seen laborers, when a large job was commenced, carrying brick and mortar who, in three months, would be laying brick and getting one dollar per day. This of course was where the head boss was not a good workman himself. You see none of that in the Northern States. They have system there, and strictly adhere to it, and good work is done because competent mechanics do it. A man does not get employment simply from the fact that he is willing to work cheap; he must have experience and be thoroughly acquainted with the work he is to do. The laws of our State will not allow a physician or dentist to practice his profession without a diploma, and I cannot see why the same rule should not be made to apply to mechanics as well.

CARPENTER AND FARMER.—I have been engaged in farming the last three years; followed house-carpentering for eight years prior, starting at four dollars and fifty cents per week, with wages increasing to nine dollars per week, though not employed on an average more than half of the time.



The trade is sadly overrun by inexperienced hands, so that men of experience cannot get wages sufficient to insure a reasonable support.

I think some plan of certificates would be beneficial to the trade. Say a certificate from the contractor or from well known and responsible men who have tested the capability of the applicant.

I do not quite approve of trades unions and secret orders, from the simple fact, they bar out a great many poor but honest laborers, who might make a competent living, but cannot live and support their families and pay the fees and dues that are required by the most of these orders.

CARRIAGE TRIMMER, &C.—We do very little work in winter, because there is none to be had, and the condition of workingmen in this community (Ashboro) is not very good on this account, and because of low wages when they are at work. We need better wages and regular work, or we cannot improve.

CARPENTER.—As I look at the welfare of the laboring class of people of this country, I just think that a proper change in our Legislature would be to put workingmen in there to make laws; they understand the needs of labor and would make laws to protect labor as well as capital; they would know what ought to constitute a day's work and a day's pay.

SUPT. COTTON MILL.—As I know something about cotton mills, I am free to say that I am sure the number of working hours ought to be ten, instead of eleven, eleven and a half and twelve. The number of yards to a cut of cloth should be fixed by law. Forty yards should be a cut of plaid or sheeting. I also think parents should be compelled to send their children to school until they are fifteen years old.

BLACKSMITH.—We need a law to compel all people when they have work done to pay for it. The homestead and the lien mortgage system should be wiped out. It is a curse to the laboring man; the sooner it is repealed the better it will be for classes.

#### RICHMOND.

SAWYER.—My chief desire is, that the ten-hour system be adopted generally throughout the State, and that the day may eventually come when we can be fully remunerated for all extra services, and that the present pay of first-class sawyers may be increased at least sixty per cent.

The pay of sawyers in the State of Florida being from three dollars and fifty cents to four dollars per day, I see no just cause why our State cannot at least make the advance, other labor in same proportion.

J. B. S.—Mechanical labor is cheap in this county, mechanics get from seventy-five cents to one dollar and fifty cents. They have had as much as two dollars per day until the last year. The decrease in price of labor is due to number of laborers. There are too many inferior workmen in the country. The first-class mechanics have to work for low prices on account of inferior workmen.

Farm laborers have from eight to twelve dollars per month. There are two or three classes of field hands; there is one class that is employed by the month, they are generally paid weekly in groceries or supplies. There is one class that is employed by the day, they have say from forty to fifty cents per day; forty cents and board, or fifty cents and board themselves. The great trouble with the labor-



ing class is irregular employment. Those laborers that work by the day are idle a large part of their time.

The farming interest has improved for the past two years, so far as I can see. The condition of the farmers for the past year improved, that is financially. We have some farmers that are in debt. Some have their land and property mortgaged. But some of the people are in good circumstances, they are out of debt and have plenty to live on, though they have little money at hand. We have organized in our township a farmer's club. It has added much to the farming interest of the country, there has been a large per cent. saved in the purchase of goods through the club, and it has caused the merchants to sell cheap.

TINSMITH.—I think men should be paid according to their worth—that is, according to the amount and quality of the work they do, but the rule is, to hire mechanics by the day, at so much, regardless of their capacity. This is unfair, both to the employer and employee.

ROBESON.

CARPENTER.—This is a poor place for mechanics. They have got work down so fine that there is no money in a job. I never get a job unless it is something that cheap mechanics in other trades cannot do. I have a farm and work on that when I cannot get employment at my trade. On common work carpenters here compete with each other until they get prices so low that they cannot make fifty cents per day, but when I hire them I have to pay from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day for common hands. There is no skilled labor in this county that I know of. If there is a carpenter that can take a drawing and work from it I have not seen him. They come in here from other places, but do not remain long.

We have no trades unions here.

I have had applications for apprenticeship, but twelve or eighteen months is as long as the applicants wanted to serve, and I refused to take them.

ROCKINGHAM.

CARPENTER.—My business is box making, but do a little carpentering sometimes. Wages here for carpenters range all the way from one dollar and twenty-five cents to two dollars per day. In my shop I employ two box makers besides myself; pay them one dollar and a half per day; they work about eight and a half hours; also two boys at thirty-five and sixty cents per day. The white working classes here are men of little or no education, except some few, and many of them drink, but they are now improving. Have no labor organization here among the whites.

CARPENTER.—In regard to the interests of workingmen and women, I would say in both sexes there are too many idlers lying around waiting for something to turn up, instead of their taking hold and turning something up. There is work plenty for both classes, and at fair wages, but there seems to be a lack of energy or perseverance. I cannot account for it only in one way: We are burdened here with the Internal Revenue, and all that we produce as a surplus, such as tobacco and fruit brandy, is taxed more than it is worth. If we could be relieved

of this burden, I think the people would manifest more progress. It is poor encouragement to work while the government secures all the profit. Now, in my opinion, if the Internal Revenue was removed our condition would be improved.

WOOD-WORKER.—Our town (Reidsville) is thrifty and prosperous, but we need more avenues for the employment of women and children, especially the women, who are now without any employment. There is plenty of work here for colored labor—male and female, but none for white women and boys. We need good cotton mills. A foundry and machine shop will pay here too.

CARPENTER.—Our town needs a foundry business, cotton mills, wood-working shops of all descriptions. Many men have left here because they could not get regular work. There is no work here at all for white women.

CARPENTER.—We have no system of working here. Every man works for what he can get. Carpenters and brick-masons are paid better prices than factory hands. Hands in the tobacco factories get about forty to seventy-five cents per day.

#### RUTHERFORD.

SAWYER.—One want of labor is pay in cash at the end of the day or week punctually. All trades are crowded with those who have no experience or knowledge of the work they try to do; consequently, they bid down work—there being no way to prevent competition in wages. Those who have work to be done look out for the cheapest workman, and generally pay in trade, regardless of the consequences.

SAWYER.—I work by the day, as do all other hands that work at mills here; put in just about half time. We cannot lay up anything, it takes all we make to live on. We need men here with money to carry on the lumber business, so we can get regular employment. It is hard to get our money after we work for it. We have to put in too much time for a day's work; we work from five o'clock until seven in summer, and in winter from daylight till dark. We need this regulated so as to work ten hours. Provisions are cheap enough here and house rent is low, and we get very fair price per day if we could work every day. I am satisfied with the price but not the time.

CARPENTER AND BAKER.—My occupation is that of a carpenter and running a bakery. I have worked at the carpenter's trade for twelve years; haven't been in the baking business long. Ten hours is our rule for a day's work. Wages per day one dollar to one dollar and twenty-five cents; per week, six dollars to seven dollars and fifty cents. I am generally paid by the week; the greater portion of my wages are paid in merchandise and orders; I don't trade where I choose all the time; I have to trade to suit my employer. My daughter generally makes from forty-five to forty-eight dollars per year. My wife does not work out. I am only able to obtain work about two-thirds of the time. The price for board averages from seven to eight dollars per month; total number in my family three; the number engaged at work for wages, two; my family expenses are about one hundred and forty dollars per year; I have a house and two lots; my wages have not increased nor decreased—they are about the same they were last year—but the cost of living has somewhat increased; I do not live as well as I did three years



ago. We have a public school, but not in session now; it will open in July; it generally runs four months. I have no children of school age to attend.

MILLWRIGHT.—Work for most all mechanics is scarce and wages are low, but the wages, as low as they are, being paid in store orders and trade, makes it hard for workingmen to live. I work part of my time only at my trade. I run a farm, also, which affords a part of my support. This country needs capital.

CARPENTER.—The condition of workingmen in my trade is very good, and other trades are about the same, I believe.

MECHANIC.—Competition has brought the price of labor down, and I do not know what can improve it but more work.

CARPENTER.—We now work from sun to sun. There is no rule about it. I think ten hours should be a day's work, by law. All would then work by this rule, and there would be more satisfaction. Workingmen ought to receive their wages in cash.

FARMER AND CURRIER.—Some people always hire the cheapest labor they can get, regardless of competency. This is unwise, and it is unjust to the competent workman, who has worked hard to make himself efficient. I think a man should be paid according to his work, whether he be carpenter, brick-mason, tanner or whatever his calling is.

ROWAN.

STONE-CUTTER.—In regard to white men, a few are engaged in my neighborhood, their daily wages are small—from fifty to seventy-five cents per day, and house rent to pay, they are generally of the poorest class, not being able to go from home to any public works, and there being none at present in the district. Women employed on farm receive from thirty to thirty-five cents per day, and they usually have to take their pay at some store, where, as a general thing, the employer gets a per centage or they are charged extra prices. The colored people get generally about the same, or get a certain amount of crop according to different agreements. As a general thing amongst the negro race, there is no economy or foresight among them; they generally lose a great deal of time. In my opinion, if the working class were paid in cash, many could improve their condition, others again, among the negroes, would not. They all wish to own a horse or mule. They will rent land and then go right off and get provisions and mortgage horse and crop; when the fall comes, they will pay all their money; after a little while, the horse goes also. It is a fact that there are many white men who make it a business to trade in this way, though, I am sorry to say, it is a shame and disgrace to the intelligent class to do so; but it is a common thing. The mortgage system is the ruin of this State. Sometime this fall two cotton factories will be in operation at Salisbury, which, I hope, will prove a blessing to the poor white women. Another thing which is greatly needed is a better system of education. This is one of the richest counties in the State, and yet a very small amount is spent in educating the white children. The negroes have more schooling than the whites. The system needs revising altogether. Another great drawback in this particular is, that the teachers are mostly young men from the country, who are poorly examined, and teach more for the little pay, and don't know nor care a thing about the education of the children. We should have none but competent teachers. Give us a change in this system.



J. B. W. Y.—The condition of the working people of this section, or of the majority of them, is not as good as could be wished, and they are falling back year by year, but I hope some time in the future their condition will be improved. The people are using too much guano, and do not give enough of their attention to composting. They raise too much cotton, and not enough corn, wheat, oats, &c. Their corn cribs and meat houses are always too empty. I think a law should be passed in our State forbidding the distillation of any grain, and that the tax should be taken off brandy and placed on whiskey, as the people suffer every year for the want of grain which is distilled into liquor. I was not brought to this view of the matter because I am a prohibitionist, as I am not in favor of prohibition, but because I believe it would be best for the people generally.

STONE-MASON AND FARMER.—I would remark that we need some more salutary regulations in regard to workmen and women in this section. The prices charged farmers on time by the cheap chattel mortgage system are too extravagant for the general class of laboring men ever to gain any surplus, even by using the most rigid economy, or to purchase a small home. The wages paid farm hands are not in proportion to the amount realized from their labor, and a good hand without being encumbered with a family can just about clothe himself decently and keep out of debt. We would like to see some attempt made to ameliorate the condition of the working people of North Carolina, so that they could accumulate a surplus with which they could purchase small homes. "The Farmers' Alliance," if not a political concern, may, if once in successful operation, prove a blessing.

J. O. L.—In reply to the question as to the needs of the workingman, and what, in my judgment, would improve their condition, I offer these suggestions:

Blot out the mortgage system and the one crop plan of farming, and improve the lands without going in debt. Send the children to school all during the free school term, and longer, if possible. Allow no man to charge a premium on loaned money, nor more than 8 per cent. interest. Let no man take a contract for work that he cannot show himself competent to perform. Give the unemployed something to do, and let all men be paid according to the work they do, officers and all.

CARPENTER.—The country is clogged with carpenters who never served an apprenticeship. They take a hand saw and hammer and start out, asking as much for their labor as any good workman would ask. Then they fall, and finally take the work at whatever price is offered. The result is that the work is badly done, and the owner is mad with the whole fraternity of carpenters, whereas, he has never hired one. The trade is in a bad condition here generally, and work is scarce.

CARPENTER.—There is no rule here regulating the employment of apprentices, and any one with only a slight knowledge of the trade can get work to do, as such persons can afford to labor at low prices. The people make a great mistake in employing inferior workmen, as the class of work they do is far less worth the low prices paid for it than the work of skilled mechanic is at a fair remuneration. Now, I think it would only be just to the regular carpenters that there be legislation to the effect that none but experienced workmen be employed—those who



can show a recommendation from some regular carpenter under whom they have worked a sufficient length of time to warrant a recommendation. I can say that the evil alluded to has been the cause of the falling off in my earnings this year.

**MOULDER.**—There is no foundry in operation here at the present time. We have no trades unions at this place, and no probability of any. Good wages are paid for skilled labor, and the poorer class of work is done by the blacks.

There is no system governing apprentices that I know of, and no industries of any kind binding them. Labor is in good demand, and very fair prices are paid. Living is quite cheap.

**SADDLE AND HARNESS-MAKER.**—I think the first thing the general government ought to do is to repeal all high tariffs, so that the laboring man can buy his goods in a cheap market and sell his labor in the highest market. I think that the banking laws should be repealed also, that we may have more money in circulation.

#### SAMPSON.

**SAWYER.**—I hardly know what to say to you on this subject. Just what is needed to improve the condition of the workingmen, I do not know. Evidently, something is needed, and needed bad. I hardly know how the farmers get along. Some make a living and others do not. As for the mechanics, their wages are low, and work is very scarce. Sawyers get one dollar and twenty-five cents per day working ten hours and upwards. Farm hands receive about eight dollars per month and board; women about half price.

**CARPENTER.**—The laboring class (that is, the white race) in this part of the country have taken steps towards improving business, and if sufficient energy is put to the helm, success is sure.

There are but few apprentices in the carpenter's trade, and nearly all the carpenters about here are self-made, having never worked as apprentices, but the progressive age will now demand that a carpenter serve a regular apprenticeship in every department before he can be considered prepared to do his work skillfully and properly. A lack of the apprentice system here has kept wages down.

**A. B.**—In Clinton there are a good many colored carpenters, through but two of them are good workmen. The balance of them take work at any price. The two alluded to above take work low. We have system of work here, but no trade unions. If you take an apprentice here, they do not often stay with you longer than six months, and then want to contract, that is one cause of work being done low. A first-class workman cannot get over one dollar and twenty-five cents per day and board himself. We need relief in some way.

**J. R. R.**—In my opinion, if the Legislature would abolish the liquor traffic, it would improve our condition as much as any thing on earth. It would prevent a great deal of crime. Reduce officers and salaries, and thereby reduce taxes, and lighten the burden of the farmers and laborers, who pay all expenses. We need cheaper transportation. In order to get it, we must do away with the professional office-seekers, and put in farmers and laborers, who see what we need, and feel an interest in our welfare. Remove the tariff, stop speculation in the necessities of life, and all this would have a tendency to better the condition of tillers of the soil. We very greatly need different regulation in the management of the free school

system. As it is now, we have a public instructor to ride over the country, and pocket two dollars per day of the free school funds. I think the school committee of each district should be empowered to conduct the school business entirely and lay a side the Superintendent of Public Instruction. This would leave the people of this section better satisfied, and with more money for the school purposes, provided the school committees are not allowed any salary.

We have two distinct races here in North America—the white and the colored. I think it would be a good plan to have the free school funds divided in proportion to the tax paid by each race. I am sure it would render general satisfaction throughout the South among the white race, for it is fair and just to all.

STANLY.

MECHANIC AND FARMER.—I live in the garden spot of North Carolina. I do not work at my trade now, only for myself. I am running a farm. We made some clear cash last year, and I hope to do so this year. Laborers are paid well in my county and can live comfortably when they use economy.

CABINET-MAKER, &C.—I wish to say that the mechanics of this neighborhood want regular employment, better wages and the ten hour system of work. The workingmen cannot live respectably at the present wages, which are *promised* them, if they get it all, which is not the case.

CARPENTER.—I have worked at my trade nine years, off and on. We work from sun up to sun down, the old style. Wages are from one dollar to one dollar and a half per day and are paid in cash. We receive no store orders, and I trade where I can get the best bargain. I only work about one-half the time. Loss of time, about six months, that is from full wages. I work in doors during the winter and make about seventy-five cents per day. I have no family and pay seven dollars per month for board, and this is the usual price. Wages neither increased or decreased during the past year. I live now about as I did last year.

One public school was kept open in this section about two and a half months last year.

There is no rule regulating apprentices in this county.

I saved about forty-five dollars last year, and did not run in debt.

It seems that we are worse off than we were ten years ago. Taxes are higher, and you hear on every side the cry of "hard times." We need system in reference to working hours in North Carolina, as it is up North, say eight or ten hours a day's work.

CARPENTER.—Owing to the pressure in money matters, with the total farming population, they are unable to improve by building better houses, and this state of things has well-nigh driven the house carpenters to the wall, for want of work at low or high prices. Labor of all kinds is plentiful and willing, and no discord between labor and the *little* capital we have.

Thousands of schools, churches, preaching, &c., but great destitution prevails among nine-tenths of all the people and trades. The workingman does not calculate to get more than enough to feed on the roughest diet, and let the doctor's bills and clothing, &c., go on the Providence line, for he sees that it is about all his employer is able to do for him. Screw loose somewhere in political economy.



## STOKES.

MECHANIC AND FARMER.—I think that there is too great an effort to raise tobacco to the exclusion of home necessities. If the farmers would make their meat and bread at home, and then let their extra crop be tobacco, we would have one of the finest countries in the world, and, as a general thing, would be independent. We have good wheat land and the finest tobacco land to be found, and if our people could be induced to raise their home needs—change their mode of farming from the all one-crop system—this would be the best county I know of.

BLACKSMITH.—The condition of the laboring class in this community, I think, is very good; that is, all those that are disposed to work. All can get work on the farm or in some factory, if they desire it.

BLACKSMITH.—I think there ought to be a law to enable blacksmiths to collect their pay. It would be of great benefit to them; they are much imposed upon by men who have no disposition to pay or do right, except they are made to do so.

MECHANIC AND FARMER.—The working people of my neighborhood would like to have the internal revenue laws abolished, so that we could control the prices of our farm products to some extent. Our industries are handicapped by it. There are many in the East, we are told, that approve of the law, as it puts the matter of taxes for the support of the government upon the necessities of the people. I would like for our brethren in the East to remember that tobacco is as much our meat and bread in the West, as cotton is theirs in the East. I am no advocate of drunkenness, and have no such desire, but believe that every man should have the right to run his own still if he wishes to do so; then we could raise our own meat, for which we now send so much money to the West.

## SURRY.

PRINTER.—The condition of the mechanics and laboring people in this vicinity does not improve. Many are without work much of the time, especially during the winter months. Our plug tobacco factories run only during the summer, and wages are low—hence there is much suffering during the winter. The tobacco factories only pay sixty cents per one hundred pounds for “stemming” tobacco, and little girls and boys of ten years can only stem fifteen to thirty pounds per day—on an average.

A neighbor of mine, a laborer, and an industrious man, earns only sixty-five cents per day, and gets work not more than two or three days per week the year round. His son, a stout boy of sixteen, only gets twenty-five cents per day, and boards himself. I do not know of a mechanic or laboring man in the place that is clearing a cent, especially those who work for wages. We all think a reduction of the tariff would help us some, as it would cheapen woolen goods, sugar, salt, and many things consumed by the laboring people. We believe in a tariff for revenue only. Some think if the tax were removed from tobacco, whisky and brandy it would help us, but I do not know about that. One trouble with us is the fact that there are more laboring people and mechanics than can find work. This tends to lower wages; so many seeking employment that employers can get help at almost any price.

Our section needs diversified manufacturing enterprises to employ all the laborers now idle. Among the enterprises that undoubtedly would pay a good divi-

dend here and be a blessing to the community might be mentioned the following, viz.: A broom factory, a furniture factory, a canning factory and a pants factory.

ORNAMENTAL PAINTER AND PLASTERER.—What I think would improve the working system of this county would be to establish a price and adhere to it, and execute the work according to contract. The great cause of labor being so low is that the people are so much divided. There is as much work to be done as there ever was, and as much money to pay for it as there has been in forty years. Restore confidence and you will bring good times. Colonize the entire African race, and we will have the finest and best nation under the shining sun. They impair the price of labor. It would be advisable to break up all legislation that has a tendency to protect the rich and oppress the poor.

J. G. J.—It strikes me that it would be best to repeal the revenue laws on tobacco and whiskey; to repeal the present system of school laws, and re-establish the laws existing about the years 1873 and '74; to prohibit convict labor on public works where it may come in competition with hired labor, and to repeal the homestead laws and restore the old laws.

These things are causing discontent and idleness, building up the strong and pulling down the weak. Let us have more men tilling the soil and making manure to improve it, and let the farmer buy less fertilizers and make a less number of pounds of tobacco, but make and cure what they do raise better than heretofore. Let us have fewer able-bodied men behind the counter, in store houses and inside the bar in court houses. Let us encourage honesty, industry and economy and discourage dishonesty, idleness and everything that has a tendency to corrupt the morals of our people.

ROCK-MASON.—We think without doubt the country is improving. There is a tendency to general improvement.

W. N.—I am in favor of the workingmen and women getting better wages. A laboring man that works for wages is not able to maintain his family as it should be done, to say nothing of his children going to school, I mean, in this part of the country. The free school system is a very poor one, or else it is badly managed. Some schools are only open one and two months in the year.

CARPENTER.—There is need of capital in this county to open our mines and start enterprises that would afford employment to the people. If our business were done on a cash basis, it would help very much. Men would be more apt to live within their means. There is not that diligence to business among our young men that we would like to see.

BLACKSMITH.—Many of our men have had to leave here to obtain work, and women and children are, in many cases, in very destitute circumstances. There should be a law making ten hours a day's work, and convict labor should not be allowed to take the work that is needed by honest men for the support of their families.

T. H. J.—Had we a laborer's union here in this section properly organized, doubtless a great change would take place beneficial to the laboring man. It is the usual manner or mode in this section for merchants, rather than mechanics, to secure the contracts for buildings; and when this is done, they employ inexperienced men at very reduced wages, thereby depriving the actual mechanic of



what we deem him justly entitled to. One prime cause of this is, that many good carpenters are held to the grind stone, and are unable to take large contracts. In a word, contracting is confined to a few individuals who must reap a large reward for services not rendered, and he who truly cultivates the vine gets none of the grapes. There are many mechanics in our vicinity of different kinds, all laboring under the same disadvantage. Ours is, indeed, a tobacco section, or an agricultural region, and at times the people are sorely pressed pecuniarily, and high prices for the weed seems to have but little influence on a trade like mine. The farm laborer is sorely pressed at all times; wages range from six dollars to ten dollars per month; the latter price being for extra hands—and nearly all of this paid in merchandise. While a few of us have regular employment, nine-tenths of the laboring class have not been able to find work enough to decently support their families during the past winter; but spring is now open and work is more plentiful at reduced wages. Frequently many hands are attracted to the tobacco factories with the promise of steady work, which they fail to get, the supply of labor becomes so great, prices are reduced, thereby causing tobacco that should cost five cents to work only to cost two or two and a half cents, this difference being taken from wages. We wish every enterprising man to prosper honorably, but seriously object to misrepresentation.

CARPENTER.—The system of working ten hours for a day's work should be strictly observed, and employees should be paid weekly in cash. We cannot keep apprentices, they invariable leave as soon as they learn how to use tools, and have but little knowledge of the trade, and the consequence is the country is full of jack-leg workmen who are underworking and cutting out good mechanics.

STONE-CUTTER.—Long days and low prices reign here, and there are many idlers who come here hunting for work, and get very little. Workingmen do not average more than half their time at work, and then have to take store orders for a good part of that. There is very little money to be gotten for work.

CARPENTER.—Most of the mechanics are out of employment. Several of them have had to leave here seeking for work.

SWAIN.

BLACKSMITH AND WAGON-MAKER.—I am at a loss to know what would be best for the laboring man, but I am sure we need a change in many particulars. In the first place, we lack union among the mechanics and farmers. We in this section are at the mercy of speculators. Goods are high and wages low, and money extremely scarce. We need system among the laboring people. The mechanics union would greatly help us, as would also a farmer's club. We need protection for labor, and should also have a system or law that would regulate the wages of the laboring class.

H. S. B.—I think the workingmen in this county are in favor of the ten hour system, and I believe it would be a great benefit to them if adopted. I also think if the farmers would establish a ruling price for their produce, and not depart from it, they would find that such a measure would greatly redound to their advantage. The merchants impose on our farmers, by selling them goods at a very high per cent. and giving a very low price for their produce.

W. M. B.—The schools in this district do the children no good. They are taught by incompetent, beardless boys of the district. We need to improve the schools or stop them, for they are no benefit now.

CARPENTER.—We have no system of work or pay up here. No labor organizations until lately. Times are hard for lack of money. I think the scarcity of money is largely due to the high tariff, which, I hope, will be done away with after the next election. We have some increase in manufacturing interests since we have had the benefits of a railroad. We have good timber, stone, &c., which is beginning to be developed some.

#### TRANSYLVANIA.

M. J. N.—The great trouble with farmers and laborers in my county has been the want of railroad facilities and capital. We need more men with moderate capital to help us improve our farms. We need, especially, manufactories, to give employment during the long winter months, and to utilize our water-power, timber, &c., and to develop our mineral resources.

ROCK AND BRICK-MASON.—The laborers in this county are much in need of a system of hours and wages. We have no system now at all, and there are no labor organizations in this county. We have to work any way we can, and capital is constantly pressing on us for more work and less pay. We believe labor organizations would do good among us.

TINNER.—The cheap class of tinware now sold by our merchants has about shut out home manufacture entirely.

PAINTER.—Transylvania is a young county. There has been but little building of the better class, but with the stimulus of a railroad, now under construction in the county, I look forward to an improved condition of the laboring class, with more steady employment at better wages.

There are no labor organizations, and only one Farmer's Club in the county.

The most important move for the amelioration of the condition of the laboring classes, in my humble opinion, is to put more money in circulation, per capita, and thus induce progress and prosperity. The hoarding by the United States Treasury of the people's money, is all wrong.

#### TYRRELL.

BLACKSMITH AND FARMER.—There has been very little progress in this neighborhood since 1881. The causes have been a bad condition of affairs, and we have had a great deal of rain most every year. So much rain fell that crops were almost ruined each year.

J. D.—In my opinion, the homestead law should be abolished. It has been of doubtful benefit from the first day it was enacted, and now it is absolutely a curse. It makes mortgaging of crops, &c., a necessity, and the man who once begins to do that is in its clutches, never to be released, except by death or the sheriff. This is the curse of the poor of this country. They cannot afford to pay the double price that is charged on time; they try it, and are swallowed up. But for the homestead law, a man who owns a five hundred dollar farm could get credit anywhere for the small amount he needs, and could trade at any place he



chooses, without giving any mortgage, or paying anything more than simple interest over cash prices. What good, I ask, is the homestead law now? It is rather a curse to the majority of the poor farmers. It puts him in the merciless power of the landlord and merchant, and once in their power he must do their bidding or starve.

LABORER.—Produce is cheap in this locality, labor is in demand, farmers are in good order. The only misfortune, I see, is the disposition to buy too much guano and tend too much poor land in cotton. My own condition is not good. Misfortune and bad conduct has caused me to run in debt. Times are not so hard here if people were not in debt. But mortgages have just about broken up two-thirds of the poor people.

#### UNION.

MINER.—There is a large surplus of labor here and no organization.

MECHANIC.—There is a great want of steady employment here. We have to work at a very low price, and then cannot get work much over half the time, the consequence is, we are obliged to run in debt to live.

CARPENTER.—We have no labor unions in this part of the country. I think they would help if we had them. We need regulation as to hours of work, wages, prompt payment of the laborer in cash, &c.

J. B.—There is one thing that is practiced frequently that should be changed, that is, this way contractors have of paying hands off in store orders or making them trade at his store. He may not tell them they *must* trade at his store or he may not even tell them *they can* trade there, but he pays them no money, and they cannot buy else where on credit, what can they do, except just what is *intended* they *shall* do, buy at the employer's store? It is not right. The laborer should get his wages in cash and trade where he chooses.

#### VANCE.

WAGON-MAKER.—I have been living in Henderson four years, and have received fair wages, considering the amount of work done in my business. I have saved some money, but owing to sickness in my family am forced to board, which costs me twenty dollars per month. The laboring class in our town seems to be doing very well. Very little time is lost for want of work. Western buggies and wagons have injured my trade considerably, as they are sold so cheap. We cannot compete in prices. Carpenters work ten hours for a day and are paid from one dollar and twenty-five cents to two dollars per day.

CARPENTER.—I consider the building trades very much demoralized for the past ten years, from a lack of laws or some regulation as to who shall engage in them. At this time any one who feels disposed to do so, may proceed to engage in them as a contractor or workman, without any preparation or knowledge of that business whatever except his own conceit. As a consequence the work is abused, those employed are often cheated out of their pay, &c.

I would urge the enactment of a law requiring a satisfactory examination to be passed, and a certificate of same to be given the applicant, before being entrusted with the superintending of work or the responsibility of a contract.

HARNESS-MAKER.—I suppose about one dollar and twenty-five cents per day are the average wages of the mechanics at the various trades here, and so far as I can

learn all are doing very well and are contented, except a few chronic grumblers, who will never do anything but find fault under any circumstances, and I think one of the greatest troubles with working people is that want of strict integrity and sobriety so noticeable among them. I never knew an honest, sober, industrious man that could not make a living, or merit and receive the respect of all good people around him. A good man's influence will be felt and appreciated.

In regard to my own trade, I can say that, as a general thing, it has been injured, and that wages are lower than in former years, owing to machine-made work. But that is not the fault of our employers. In speaking for myself, I will say that I believe my employer is one of the best men I ever saw. But some others may not be so fortunate as myself in that respect.

Just what our trade needs to make it any better for the mechanics, I am not prepared to say. I will leave that for older and more experienced heads.

As I have given you the facts as near as I can, I will close, hoping they may be of some benefit to you.

#### WAKE.

MACHINIST.—The condition of wage workers is bad enough, and can only be improved by proper legislation. Legislation that will be of advantage to all classes alike. It can commonly be secured by unity on the part of working people. *Unfortunately* most of workingmen (especially in the South) are too strongly allied to party. There is too great a lack of independence. If all wage workers would unite, then the too great national parties would make any fair and honorable concessions demanded. The life of either party would depend on its action, as relates to equitable legislation. It would not then be necessary to have any independent legislators. The work would thus be accomplished by the party in power or the other party would step in at the next election, which the party in power would fear, and therefore rather than lose its power, would act rightly if they did not wish to.

The apprentice system is no system at all. We will take for instance a machine shop with thirty employees in the machine department. There you will more than likely find sixteen or eighteen of these apprentices. Then go out on the streets, and you will very likely find several first-class machinists on the loaf. These apprentices have been taught by some of the very men that they have superceded. They being only apprentices are compelled to work for less wages than journeymen. They are made equally profitable to journeymen in the following way. Each one is kept at one particular part of the work until he becomes equally proficient with a journeyman there, but nowhere else; and so on through the whole sixteen or eighteen. Those boys will do nearly as much good work as the same number of men. I need not comment on the result or the justice of such a system. The day will surely come, when the question of rights and wrongs will be decided. Holy writ gives it all in plain English for America. Read it men in authority, and pray God to help you to profit by the reading. Space will not admit of further comment on the subjects suggested.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER.—My opinion is that putting the liquor traffic out of reach would be for the benefit and protection of workingmen and their families. I also think we need to give more attention to the employment of labor, and em-



ploy as much white labor as possible, especially on railroads and other public works. The wages of all mechanics are too low; the wages of common labor are entirely too cheap.

WOOD-WORKING MACHINIST.—I think the concentration of capital is the great evil that workmen have to contend against. We need a law to compel corporations to pay their employees weekly in cash, and to treat all alike.

ENGINEER.—Keep strong drink out of reach, treat white labor with respect and employ as many white laborers as possible, especially on public works, such as railroads, &c. Mechanics need better wages, and all common labor is entirely too low.

CAR-REPAIRER.—There are one or two thoughts that are suggested to my mind. One is that it would be of great advantage to laborers if they could get their pay weekly, when possible. My reason is, that it would put a stop to so much high-priced credit as is being imposed on the laboring men of North Carolina. Where a mechanic gets his wages monthly it is impossible to spend it to the best advantage, as he is compelled to "square up" so many bills, for articles he was compelled to have during the month, and is again soon reduced to the necessity of securing high-priced credit for the next month.

Another thought suggested to my mind is, that labor should be more thoroughly regulated—that is, a mechanic should be paid according to his ability and experience. I know this is not being done at the place where I am employed. Wages should be according to the work done, and not because of the family connections of the employee.

STONE-CUTTER.—In regard to my trade, there are only three native white stone-cutters in Wake county. I came from South Carolina in 1874, and went to work on the Raleigh post-office, and continued working until the building was finished. Since that time I have not been able to obtain work in Wake county not more than six or eight weeks in the year. The reason of this is that all the public work has been done by convicts and most of the private work, except the marble work, by ex-convicts. Now, if the Legislature will pass a law establishing a whipping-post in each county, for the benefit of petty offenders, and give each offender thirty to seventy-five lashes and then put him on the public roads to work out the costs of Court, and make a law requiring the State to return each convict to the county from which he came, in my opinion, the mechanics and laborers in the vicinity of Raleigh, and throughout the State, as well as the tax-payers of the State, would be greatly benefitted.

When I work at my trade, I get three dollars per day, which is the regular price for a good stone-cutter. The ex-convicts alluded to are paid from one dollar and twenty-five cents to two dollars per day.

In regard to schools, the officials ought to know what kind of school committees they appoint. They generally have school from November to March, the worse time in the year for thinly-clad children. This is done to suit themselves—they have no cotton to chop and pick this season of the year. Some of those children have to walk from two to three miles.

CARPENTER.—My opinion is, if there was a protective association in our trade here, it would make it better for us. As long as we cannot get a decent price for



our work, I cannot see how the times will get any better; when we ask a fair price for our labor, employers frequently say they can get others cheaper, and hence we have to work for what we can get.

**TIN AND SHEET IRON-WORKER.**—While I am not addicted to complaining or fault-finding, yet there are so many things that would be of great interest to the workingmen and their families, I feel that I must say something, but hardly know where to begin.

One of the greatest drawbacks to our people is the fact that there is no law in force regulating and obligating apprentices. As soon as the majority of them get enough insight to their trade to imitate the journeyman they are ready to quit their boss, thereby giving him more or less trouble, and go to work for themselves. And right here let me say that they are encouraged in this course by men of means, who are desirous of having cheap work done, regardless of quality.

Again, it would be better for the workingmen if there were not so much credit business done. I know it is often a great favor and convenience, and also very kind of the merchant, but I really believe it would be a great deal better if it were altogether abolished. It is so natural to indulge ourselves, and working people are not an exception to this rule.

Now the greatest thing which, in my opinion, could possibly take place for the benefit of both classes—and I rather expect it would, or should, be begun by the employee—is the establishment of a feeling of mutuality and friendship between employer and employee. I have ever maintained that the building up of one by the tearing down of the other would eventually result in the destruction of both. I have often asked the question, Where is the laborer who does not wish to better his condition? and how can he hate his brother mechanic who, by sobriety and industry, has climbed up in the world and made money? In fact, we would all be capitalists in this sense of the word, if we could.

So I say, let the law concerning apprenticeship be amended, or enforced. Let the credit system be abolished, and then let friendship and toleration ever exist between employer and employee.

**CARPENTER.**—I think there should be a law to regulate all persons taking work by contract. I think every person that takes a contract, should be required to give bond for the faithful performance of the work taken, such as will make the contractor give his attention more strictly, so that his attention will be of benefit to the improvement of the workingmen hired by him. I also think there should be a strict law in regard to apprentice boys, such as will compel them to complete their trade before they come out on the market as journeymen workers. I also think that there should be a law that will require all mechanics to show a certificate from the man that he served his time under that he had served an apprenticeship of three years' time. If this was done, there would not be one-half the carpenters that there are now. As it is now, the mechanics in the city are compelled to compete with a class of incompetent men who have never learned any trade, but have come from the country round about to work at anything, and they will go to work under a good foreman, who will arrange work for them and show them how to do it, and they work about fifty per cent. less than a man that has served his three years' apprenticeship. That brings down labor more than any one thing that we have to contend with at this day. I do not think convicts should



be allowed to work anywhere only on public roads and on State farms, and draining State lands. I also think that owing to the amount of improved machinery that we have before us at this day, there should be a law making nine hours a day's work. I know that this would give employment to a great many working-men who are out of employment, and are compelled to take whatever they can get per day to buy their bread.

WARREN.

MECHANIC—In my opinion, it would be better for all trades if the ten hour system was adopted. Trade unions are good when managed on fair and honest principles. It is undoubtedly a great benefit to all concerned when men unite in aiding each other in case of sickness or accident, and when unavoidably out of work, or when employers seek to take undue advantage of workmen, but still there can be no real good derived from such extreme measures as boycotting, strikes, &c., which cause terrible riots and bloodshed. I am opposed to strikes, as generally carried out, but in favor of co-operation in all trades and enterprises that are legitimate and honorable.

The apprentice system is not good. Men ought not be recognized as workmen who have not served at least five years at their trade. The county is full of men who pretend to be workmen and really are not. To the employer, the best workman is always the cheapest, and as a rule it is best for employer and employee for the latter not to attempt to do that which he cannot do because he does not know how it should be done.

We have very good schools, but parents do not send their children. The law requires the schools kept open, ought it not to require attendance?

BRICK-MASON, &C.—The labor, in our community, is very indifferent and unreliable. There seems to be no system, consequently everything goes on in a deranged manner.

BLACKSMITH AND FARMER.—The credit system has depressed the mechanics in this country. We need more mechanics that will stick to their business. Most of mechanics get along poorly for want of tools. If the laboring men of the country would take interest enough to prepare for work and do good work, and employers would pay for good work, it would be better for all. We need more work and less idleness, more preparing for work and less preparing for living without work.

BLACKSMITH.—I work at my trade on my own hook, and have all I make. I get about half the work I can do, and the balance of my time I devote to raising a small crop of supplies for family use. Labor of all classes of mechanics is dull with us. Prices very low. Would like a job in some first-class carriage shop; can furnish best recommendations, &c.

BLACKSMITH.—In my opinion, workingmen get too small salaries, or wages, by the month or year. Twelve dollars and fifty cents per month is as little as any able-bodied man should work for, but such a man should give a full day's work of ten solid hours of labor, and when they work for twelve and fourteen hours, they should receive fifteen dollars per month, especially, where a man takes an interest and pride in the work of his employer. Most men who labor for wages desire only to use up the time whether of profit to his employer or not. Only a few are conscientious workers. As to women, great injustice is

done them. They get three and four dollars per month, when some should get eight or ten dollars. Quite a number of women do as much ordinary labor as a man, and should receive the same consideration. I think trades unions very good when properly managed. As to apprentice systems I find no objection, even though the apprentice works for three, five or seven years, provided his board, clothing, washing, lodging and spending money of ten or twenty dollars per year be given. Labor laws are amply stringent in favor of the employer, but not sufficiently so for the employee. The employer can put a poor employee off nearly as long as he pleases, and then give him great trouble to secure two or three dollars justly earned. The condition of workingmen and women in our State is bad, because of the difficulty in collecting in cash what they have earned. If the laboring men would get into the habit of making their supplies for home consumption the difficulty of "hard times," &c., would be found coming from only a few lips. Another remedy, I would suggest that each man strive to find just what provisions are consumed by him, and then use every energy to make the supplies needed and more for emergency, and then compel himself or those of his family to live within the limit of resources, even if the best credit could be had.

PAINTER.—We have very low wages here, although the class of work done is perhaps as good as is done in the State. We get from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day, and other trades about the same. Farm labor is also low.

MASON.—My wages are one dollar and fifty cents per day. I do not think that is enough for a mechanic who understands his work. I have worked at the business thirty years.

CARPENTER.—I think the working people need organization. We have no rules, system of wages, hours, or anything.

MECHANIC.—Labor is in a bad condition, and needs all the help that can be given it. What is to be done in the way of legislation to improve its condition, I do not know.

MASON.—As to the laboring class of people, I find that for the past one or two years wages have been reduced as to farming and cattle-raising. Their condition can never be improved until they have homes of their own, and no improvement can be made in the condition of any class without education of head, heart and hand. In my opinion, the working classes in this county are in a worse condition than for some time.

#### WASHINGTON.

MECHANIC AND FARMER.—My opinion is, that if the trade system was done away with, and the landlords and merchants had to pay cash for our work, it would be better. They pay us off in orders, and we are compelled to take trade at their prices, charge what they please. The Knights of Labor will do good here properly carried out. We have a lodge here, but it has done no good as yet. There must be something done or the tenant cannot live. We work hard, but the land-holders and merchants get it all and we cannot help it.

UNDERTAKER AND CARPENTER.—The greatest drawback that the laboring class have to contend against is the homestead law, chattel mortgage system and crop lien.



MASON.—Times are hard in this section, prices of labor low and money can scarcely be had for labor at all. There ought to be some way of getting pay for our labor without having to take store orders and trade.

CARRIAGE-MAKER.—The most of the men here in this business are men of families. They are living comfortably and do not complain of hard times, although we have had short crops for the last six years, and work in our line has necessarily been cut short thereby. If we could have a good crop it would help very much.

BLACKSMITH AND WHEELWRIGHT.—The only business carried on in this county of any special note is farming and lumbering. Most of the people are farmers. Whatever trade they may follow, they carry on a little farming too. Farm rents are high; one-third of all that is made, and tenants keep up fences and ditches, &c. When the crop is gathered it is put in the landlord's barn, and when he gets ready to gin the cotton he does it, and when he chooses he sells it and tells you it brought so much, and you owe him so much, and there is one dollar and seventy-five cents, &c., left due you; or sometimes he "did not remember just how it stands, but will fix up the account and settle with you," and thus you are put off and treated about the crop that you have raised with your own labor. We never see the cotton after it is picked. The landlord takes it as his own whether you owe him a cent more than the rent or not, it makes no difference. He takes it all and ships it where he pleases, and sells it when he pleases and pays you what he pleases.

LABORER.—Wages are low, but the trouble is we do not get pay in cash at all. We have to take trade, and such trade as employers have got, and at high prices too. We can hardly live at all so much advantage is taken of us.

#### WATAUGA.

STONE AND BRICK-MASON.—I only work one-fourth of my time at my trade. I farm the other three-fourths. The work is not to be had, as people in this county build slowly. Mechanics for the most part are obliged to do something else in connection with their trade. This is a fine country; we have plenty of excellent timber, splendid grazing lands, &c.

CARPENTER AND FARMER.—There are a great many people here who do not work. Those who do work have to feed all. There are five stores within one mile and a half of me, and some of them do not contain one hundred dollar's worth of goods.

MECHANIC AND MILLER.—We have here the old established rule of fifty cents per day for wage-workers on the farm. Of course there are some kinds of work for which men are paid higher wages. Job work is more frequently done, and sometimes better wages are made per day, which I presume is the case everywhere. I give it as the prevailing opinion in this county that the laboring men are looking to a reduction of the tariff as a means of bettering their condition, but they are not sitting down waiting for that event to transpire.

All agree that a railroad through our county would result in great good to the farmer and laborer. We have comparatively few citizens but what are owners of real estate, but having no railroad to ship produce over, they are not encouraged to raise more than a home supply, and depend chiefly on stock raising for markets south and east of us to bring in their money. We also ship apples, cabbage, pota-

toes, chesnuts, butter and eggs. We have the finest timber in the State, and an almost inexhaustible supply of it, but it is too far from railroads to make our lumber business profitable. However, our people are hospitable and happy, and content to labor for a living. They are also an energetic people, who are not afraid to labor for a living. There is no distinction made between the humblest wage-earner and his employer. Socially, the workingman is equal to his employer. We are almost entirely free from that class of people known as "dead beats" and "tramps."

WAYNE.

FARMER AND BRICK-MASON.—Some few years ago I had to go to farming in order to make a support for my family. I could not get work at my trade. I have been farming on rented land and pay high rent, but get along better than I did before.

PAINTER.—It would be to our improvement, doubtless, if mechanics were organized. There are no trades unions, and not much organization among labor of any kind. And as a result of this the jack-legs are about to take the work all away from the competent mechanics. Apprentices, after they have served about a year, think they know as much as anybody and go to contracting at once, to the detriment of their trade and the public generally.

CARPENTER.—In my opinion times are better for the working class of our town and will continue to improve still as we get more factories at work. Let us educate our children in books and the use of tools. And let them understand that there is no disgrace in labor. It is an honor to the poor and a safe-guard to all to be at work, for we are out of bad company when we are at work.

FIREMAN AND ENGINEER.—In reference to women sewing the price has decreased about one-half from last year. I think that rules making an established rate of wages for different kinds of work would greatly improve our present condition. Likewise I think that a board of examiners should be appointed for the purpose of examining firemen and engineers, which would be a great protection to life and property. Those who could not pass the examination, do not trust the business to them; then those competent could obtain better wages, but as it is, we have men to contend with who will work for almost nothing, by so doing they keep good men out of employment or else they must come down and work at greatly reduced rates for the support of their families.

BLACKSMITH.—We have a good school, but many cannot avail themselves of it, for it takes all that parents and children both can do to make a living. We need better wages, and can never make much progress until we can get them. Work in winter is scarce for all, and some parents cannot make enough to keep their children properly clothed for school.

TIN AND LOCK AND GUNSMITH.—It is my opinion that most of our mechanics are more or less inclined to shiftlessness—will not stick to one thing long enough to become proficient. With our laborers, the most of them drink too much intoxicants. If we could get clear of the accursed liquor traffic, the men would stick to their work and provide better for their families, and times would not seem so hard. We need in this community manufacturing establishments, that would give employment to the women and children.



## WILKES.

LABORER.—I think wages should be higher, and fewer hours required for a day's work. I believe this would be for the good of not only the working class but for all. There should also be a law prohibiting the payment of wages in store orders. Labor should be paid in cash.

## WILSON.

CARRIAGE-PAINTER.—There ought to be a law regulating the number of hours to constitute a day's work, that the working people might have more leisure in which to improve themselves. There are more people needing work than can obtain it. Shorten the hours of those at work and make room for those now idle.

BRICK-MASON, &C.—In this part of our county there are two things that operate to the oppression of the working class. There is the "store order" system of paying for work, that is unfair and unjust to the worker, it is unpleasant to have to buy goods on an order, and besides a man has to pay very much more for goods than if he had the cash to buy with. He feels that an advantage is being taken of him, that he is being shaved on both sides at once. Wages are very low, and in all conscience let the wage worker have it in cash, that he may make his money go as far as it will, and that he may not feel that he is being swindled. The other thing is the high rents tenants have to pay. For thirty acres of common land three bales of cotton—four hundred and fifty pounds each. If it is extra land four bales. This is too much. They cannot feed and clothe their children and pay it.

HARNESS-MAKER.—I attribute the present condition of the trades, both in the North and South, to the lack of laws regulating the standing of skilled mechanics. There should be good and wise apprentice laws. It should be considered a misdemeanor for a man to seek employment as a skilled mechanic when he has not served a regular apprenticeship as such. There should also be a law making eight hours a day's work, to the end that workmen should have time to improve themselves, and that more workingmen might be employed. It should be illegal for children under fourteen years of age to be employed in workshops and factories, and it should be compulsory for children under that age to attend the public, or some other school, for at least six months in the year.

The above are only a few of the many changes that could be made to benefit the mechanic, and that would benefit him in the near future, and they are entirely practicable. There are a great many other changes that could be mentioned.

CARPENTER AND FOREMAN.—Work is on the boom in our town now. Everybody seems to be at work in our line. There are no unions here. We have the Knights of Labor here, which is doing the workingmen good. Wages are about the same as last year.

PAINTER.—My trade is badly abused by the colored labor, consequently it keeps good men out of work. The majority of our capitalists will give employment to incompetent workmen because they work cheap, while they cannot do a good job. There is some organization among the workingmen here now, and I believe it will do good.

BLACKSMITH.—The trouble with our mechanics and workingmen generally is their effort to keep up with the rich in dress and living and show. Pride is the downfall of many a well to do mechanic. They do not drink much. I do not

know of a single mechanic who is a drunkard. But they do not economize and manage well, that is the ruin of the poor. They do not think this is so, they have not enough to live on one month if thrown out of work, and yet they go on spending all they make whether it be one dollar per day or two dollars, and I believe some of them would spend all if they should get five dollars a day. Of course, there are some who do save and they get along well too. Apprentices are not apt to stay long enough to learn a trade. In a year or two he has learned enough to make seventy-five cents per day, and he quits his apprenticeship, gets married and starts out to make a living in the world with a trade half learned. He is a little of everything and not much at anything.

YADKIN.

CARRIAGE-MAKER.—The condition of our county is considerably better than for the past three years. Our people have plenty to eat and feed on. We had a good crop last year. Tobacco is bringing a very good price. Prospect is very good for the future. The people have made great preparations for the various crops this year, and the working people have plenty to do. Labor is in demand. Money is right scarce, but more plentiful than twelve months ago. We need more enterprising manufacturing men in our country, more railroads, &c.

CARRIAGE-PAINTER.—As to trades unions and labor laws, I am not conversant. What we need most in this section is better system and more money. I speak in regard to mechanics. We want our pay every Saturday night. If disappointed, discouragement is sure to follow. However, we get what we work for, in some shape or other, but never accumulate anything. Don't think we could be charged with extravagant living. The laboring class are poor and ignorant. They, like the mechanics, need money and brains.

YANCEY.

N. P. L.—Modify the tariff laws of the United States, as the present Mills bill proposes. And allow farmers to sell their tobacco in the hand. The tariff on mica and imported tobacco should be retained.

The wages of mechanics in this county run from one dollar and a half to two dollars per day.

CARPENTER AND MILLWRIGHT.—The apprentice system seriously needs attention. We will have to make it a rule not to take a boy as an apprentice unless he and his parents agree that he shall serve a full apprenticeship of a given number of years at a given price per year, then when he gets through he will know something, and not be a cobbler and a botch all his life.

We ought to get more wages. The wages now received by the workingmen in the State will not afford them and their families a respectable living.

STONE-MASON, &c.—The workingmen of the State need organization first of all. They must prepare to demand and protect their rights, and they can only do it by uniting.

PAINTER.—We have no labor organizations here. Wages are low. Ten to twelve hours make a day's work. Capital is organized and united, while labor is divided and cutting at each other. We cannot do any better until we work together.



## CHAPTER II.

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### REPORTS FROM MECHANICAL AND OTHER EMPLOYERS.

In this chapter is included the returns received by the Bureau from employers of mechanics and others in the different counties of the State, and as will be seen, contains many interesting facts connected with the laboring and industrial interests of our State.

The number of establishments reporting in this chapter is four hundred and twenty-one, and of this number three hundred and thirty-six report the capital employed by them to be \$5,551,550. The census of 1880 shows that there were three thousand eight hundred and two manufacturing and mechanical enterprises in North Carolina at that time, with a capital employed of \$13,045,649. In this chapter we have three hundred and thirty-six enterprises reporting their capital at \$5,551,550. These figures show how rapidly manufacturing and mechanical pursuits have increased in the State, both as to number and amount of money invested in them, during the past decade. The figures given, of course, include many of the largest manufacturing businesses in our State, one alone reporting a capital of \$2,000,000, but it should be remembered that there are many large ones which they do not include. There was no special effort made to get reports from the manufacturers of cotton and tobacco, because distinct chapters were given in regard to them in the last report, and the condition of labor, &c., in those industries were pretty fully represented in the chapters mentioned. No special effort, therefore, being made to get reports from these industries, but few of them are included in this chapter, though they embrace the largest manufacturing enterprises of the State. It will be seen, however, that those reporting make a very creditable showing as to capital invested and the amount of business done. It may be safely assumed from the figures given that the manufacturing and mechanical pursuits of the State have trebled and even quadrupled since the census of 1880.

The three thousand eight hundred and two mechanical and manufacturing enterprises given by the census of 1880, as being in North Carolina, report the employment of seventeen thousand one hundred and nine men, women and children. Their wages per year aggre-

gated \$2,740,768. These enterprises also report the articles produced by them to be worth \$20,095,037.

The reports included in this chapter show the following: Establishments giving number of hands employed by them, four hundred and two—number employed by them, five thousand nine hundred and thirty-five. Number of establishments giving capital employed in them and also value of articles produced, two hundred and forty-six—capital, \$4,730,150; value of articles produced, \$6,098,587. Establishments giving value of articles produced and also the amount paid labor to produce these articles, one hundred and ninety-eight—value of articles produced, \$5,712,751; amount paid labor, \$1,065,222. We thus see that the amount paid labor in these establishments is nineteen per cent. of the value of the product.

The average amount paid skilled labor for the State as given in this chapter is, for males, one dollar and fifty cents per day; females, fifty-five cents per day; unskilled men, seventy cents per day; unskilled women, forty cents per day; youths, thirty-four cents per day, and children, twenty-four cents per day. The average hours of labor are given at ten and a half. Average price of board per month is put at eight dollars and eighty cents. Average per cent. of wages paid in cash eighty-two per cent.; average paid in merchandize, eighteen per cent. Average per cent. of adult employees who can read and write, seventy-two per cent.; average children employees who can read and write, sixty-one per cent. Average per cent. of employees owning homes, thirty-eight per cent. Average number of employees who are reported as accumulating, thirty-six per cent.

Thus it will be seen that this chapter presents many interesting facts connected with the laboring and industrial affairs of the State. We believe these facts are representative and reliable upon the subjects embraced by them.



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TABLE No. 3,  
SHOWING CAPITAL EMPLOYED, VALUE OF PRODUCT, AMOUNT PAID TO  
LABOR, NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED, RATE OF WAGES PER DAY,  
HOURS CONSTITUTING DAY'S WORK, PER CENT. OF WAGES PAID  
IN CASH AND IN MERCHANDISE, COST OF BOARD, GENERAL  
CONDITION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE VARIOUS MECHANI-  
CAL INDUSTRIES OF THE STATE REPORTING TO  
THIS BUREAU, ARRANGED BY COUNTIES.

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TABLE NO. 3.—SHOWING CAPITAL EMPLOYED, VALUE OF PRODUCT, AMOUNT PAID  
STITUTING DAY'S WORK, PER CENT. OF WAGES PAID IN CASH AND IN MER-  
VARIOUS MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES OF THE STATE REPORTING

| COUNTIES.               | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employed | Av. No. men employed | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 years. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| ALAMANCE.               |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Contractor and Builder  | 12                                    | \$-----           | \$-----                    | \$ 700                      | 15                    | 7                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 7                     | \$1 25                                | \$---  |
| Lumber Dealer           | 12                                    | 15,000            | 30,000                     | 2,700                       | 30                    | 30                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 30                    | 1 25                                  | ---    |
| Foundry & Machine Shops | 12                                    | 5,000             | ---                        | 600                         | 6                     | 3                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 3                     | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| Foundry & Machine Shops | 12                                    | 2,000             | 1,000                      | ---                         | ---                   | 3                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 3                     | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| ALEXANDER.              |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Blacksmith              | 12                                    | 200               | 450                        | 100                         | 4                     | 2                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 2                     | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| Builder & Lumber Dealer | 8                                     | 2,000             | 1,500                      | 500                         | 6                     | 3                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 3                     | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| Buggy and Wagon Maker   | 9                                     | 1,000             | 2,500                      | 800                         | 4                     | 3                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 3                     | 1 25                                  | ---    |
| Grain Mills, &c         | 12                                    | 2,000             | 800                        | 300                         | 14                    | 4                    | 3      | 4       | ---                      | 11                    | 1 50                                  | ---    |
| Saw Mill and Building   | 12                                    | 3,000             | 5,000                      | 3,000                       | 40                    | 15                   | 1      | ---     | ---                      | 16                    | 1 25                                  | 40     |
| ALLEGHANY.              |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Carpenter, &c           | 12                                    | 250               | ---                        | 40                          | 2                     | 1                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 1                     | 1 25                                  | ---    |
| ANSON.                  |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Brick and Stone Works   | 4                                     | ---               | ---                        | 575                         | 20                    | 15                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 15                    | 1 75                                  | ---    |
| Brown Stone Quarries    | 12                                    | 4,400             | 9,000                      | 7,600                       | 65                    | 32                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 32                    | 3 00                                  | ---    |
| Lumbering and Saw Mills | 12                                    | 5,000             | 10,000                     | 2,000                       | 10                    | 10                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 10                    | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| Milling                 | 12                                    | 12,000            | 6,000                      | 3,000                       | 30                    | 20                   | 10     | ---     | ---                      | 30                    | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| ASHE.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Milling                 | 12                                    | 500               | ---                        | 200                         | 10                    | 3                    | 1      | ---     | ---                      | 4                     | 1 00                                  | 25     |
| Carpentering            | 11                                    | 1,000             | 3,000                      | 1,200                       | 10                    | 6                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 6                     | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| Masonry                 | 9                                     | 300               | ---                        | ---                         | 7                     | 4                    | 3      | ---     | ---                      | 7                     | 1 00                                  | 25     |
| Wagon and Buggy Mfg     | 12                                    | 8,000             | 4,000                      | 1,200                       | 12                    | 8                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 8                     | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| BEAUFORT.               |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling             | 12                                    | 25,000            | 30,000                     | 6,000                       | 30                    | 16                   | ---    | 4       | ---                      | 20                    | 2 50                                  | ---    |
| Lumber and Shingles     | 12                                    | 30,000            | 40,000                     | 8,000                       | 80                    | 60                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 60                    | 1 00                                  | ---    |
| Saw Mill                | ---                                   | 4,000             | ---                        | ---                         | ---                   | 10                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 10                    | 80                                    | ---    |
| Foundry & Machine Shop  | 12                                    | 5,000             | 5,000                      | 3,000                       | 16                    | 12                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 12                    | 2 00                                  | ---    |
| Coach Shop              | 12                                    | 600               | 1,520                      | 303                         | 4                     | 2                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 2                     | 1 50                                  | ---    |
| Cotton Seed Oil Mill    | 7                                     | 8,000             | 7,785                      | ---                         | 15                    | 8                    | ---    | 8       | ---                      | 16                    | 1 50                                  | ---    |
| Lumber Mills            | 12                                    | ---               | ---                        | ---                         | 25                    | 25                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 25                    | 2 50                                  | ---    |
| BERTIE.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Carriage Works          | 12                                    | 5,000             | 6,000                      | 3,000                       | 11                    | 6                    | ---    | 2       | 1                        | 9                     | 1 50                                  | ---    |
| Printing Office         | 12                                    | 500               | 800                        | ---                         | 3                     | 1                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 1                     | ---                                   | ---    |
| Saw Milling             | 11                                    | 3,000             | 1,200                      | 800                         | 13                    | 4                    | 2      | ---     | ---                      | 6                     | 1 00                                  | 20     |
| Milling, &c             | 12                                    | 30,000            | ---                        | ---                         | 30                    | 15                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 15                    | 2 00                                  | 75     |
| Builders                | 8                                     | ---               | ---                        | ---                         | 24                    | 24                   | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 24                    | 1 75                                  | 80     |
| BLADEN.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Mfg Turpentine Tools    | 12                                    | 3,000             | 6,240                      | 2,860                       | 10                    | 8                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 8                     | 2 25                                  | ---    |
| Saw Mill                | 9                                     | 2,000             | 5,000                      | ---                         | ---                   | ---                  | ---    | ---     | ---                      | ---                   | 1 50                                  | ---    |
| BRUNSWICK.              |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Blacksmith and Builder  | 12                                    | ---               | ---                        | ---                         | 5                     | 5                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 5                     | 1 50                                  | ---    |
| Saw Milling             | 8                                     | 3,000             | 4,000                      | ---                         | 12                    | 7                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 7                     | 1 25                                  | ---    |
| BUNCOMBE.               |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                       |                      |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Plasterer               | 9                                     | 500               | 3,600                      | 2,480                       | 15                    | 6                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 6                     | 2 20                                  | ---    |
| Wood Working Shops      | 12                                    | 15,000            | 36,000                     | 12,000                      | 40                    | 25                   | ---    | 3       | ---                      | 28                    | 2 25                                  | ---    |
| Building Contractor     | 6                                     | 4,000             | 8,763                      | 1,471                       | 18                    | 9                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 9                     | 2 00                                  | ---    |
| Carriage Maker          | 12                                    | 5,000             | 7,000                      | 2,500                       | 8                     | 7                    | ---    | ---     | ---                      | 7                     | 1 50                                  | ---    |



TO LABOR, NUMBER OF PERSONS EMPLOYED, RATE OF WAGES PER DAY, HOURS CON-  
CHANDISE, COST OF BOARD, GENERAL CONDITION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE  
TO THIS BUREAU, ARRANGED BY COUNTIES.

| Average daily wages<br>paid unskilled men. | Women. | Youths. | Children. | No. hours for day's work | How often are wages<br>paid. | Per cent. increase in<br>wages past year. | Decrease. | Average price of board<br>per month. | Per cent. of wages<br>paid in cash. | Per ct. in merchandise<br>or store orders. | Per ct. adult employes<br>who read and write. | Per ct. child'n employ's<br>who read and write. | Per cent. of employes<br>owning homes. | Percent. who save part<br>of earnings. | Is the moral and<br>educational con-<br>dition better or<br>worse? |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ 75                                      | \$     | \$      | \$        | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | \$ 7 50                              | 100                                 |                                            | 95                                            |                                                 | 12                                     |                                        | Better.                                                            |
| 70                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 8 00                                 | 100                                 |                                            | 75                                            |                                                 | 50                                     | 33                                     | Better.                                                            |
| 60                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 6 to 7                               | 25                                  | 75                                         | 66                                            |                                                 | 66                                     | 50                                     | Better.                                                            |
| 75                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 7 50                                 | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           |                                                 | 100                                    | 100                                    | Better.                                                            |
| 60                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 5 to 10                              | 50                                  | 50                                         | 25                                            | 10                                              | 25                                     | 20                                     | Better.                                                            |
| 50                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 6 to 8                               | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           |                                                 | 75                                     | 50                                     | Better.                                                            |
| 75                                         |        |         | 25        | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 8 to 10                              | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           | 100                                             | 100                                    | 100                                    | Same.                                                              |
| 75                                         |        |         |           | 12                       | week                         |                                           |           | 4 to 6                               | 25                                  | 75                                         | 75                                            | 75                                              | 25                                     |                                        | Same                                                               |
| 60                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 6 to 9                               | 100                                 |                                            | 75                                            |                                                 | 25                                     | 50                                     | Better.                                                            |
| 50                                         |        |         |           | 11                       | week                         |                                           |           | 5 00                                 | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           | 100                                             | 50                                     |                                        | Better.                                                            |
| 65                                         |        |         |           | 12                       | week                         | 8                                         | 25        | 8 00                                 | 66                                  | 33                                         | 33                                            |                                                 | n ne                                   |                                        | Worse.                                                             |
| 75                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         | 8                                         |           | 10 00                                | 75                                  | 25                                         | 10                                            |                                                 | n ne                                   |                                        | Better.                                                            |
| 50                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 6 to 8                               | 100                                 |                                            | 50                                            |                                                 |                                        |                                        | Better.                                                            |
| 50                                         | 40     |         |           | 12                       | week                         |                                           |           |                                      | 100                                 |                                            | 50                                            |                                                 |                                        |                                        | Better.                                                            |
| 50                                         | 25     |         |           | 10                       | day                          |                                           |           | 5 00                                 | 50                                  | 50                                         | 100                                           |                                                 | 25                                     |                                        | Same.                                                              |
| 75                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | day                          |                                           |           | 8 00                                 | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           |                                                 | 100                                    | 100                                    | Better.                                                            |
| 50                                         | 20     | 25      | 15        | 10                       | m'nth                        | 12                                        |           | 7 00                                 | 50                                  | 50                                         | 66                                            | 50                                              | 66                                     | 50                                     | Better.                                                            |
| 75                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | m'nth                        |                                           |           | 7 00                                 | 50                                  | 50                                         | 75                                            | 100                                             | 100                                    | 50                                     | Better.                                                            |
| 90                                         |        | 40      |           | 10                       | week                         | 10                                        |           | 5 to 10                              | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           |                                                 | 70                                     | n ne                                   | Better.                                                            |
|                                            |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         | 10                                        |           | 8 to 10                              | 100                                 |                                            | 50                                            |                                                 | 25                                     | 10                                     | Better.                                                            |
| 75                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 5 to 8                               | 33                                  | 67                                         | 66                                            |                                                 | 50                                     | 5                                      | Better.                                                            |
| 1 00                                       |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 10 to 12                             | 100                                 |                                            | 50                                            |                                                 | n ne                                   |                                        | Better.                                                            |
| 75                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 10 to 15                             | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           |                                                 | n ne                                   |                                        | Better.                                                            |
| 1 00                                       |        |         |           | 10                       | day                          |                                           |           |                                      | 100                                 |                                            | 50                                            |                                                 | n ne                                   |                                        | Same.                                                              |
| 80                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | irr'g'r                      |                                           | 25        | 7 to 8                               | 100                                 |                                            |                                               |                                                 | n ne                                   | n ne                                   | Worse.                                                             |
|                                            |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 10 00                                | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           | 100                                             | 22                                     | 33                                     | Some improv'mt                                                     |
|                                            |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 8 to 12                              |                                     |                                            |                                               |                                                 |                                        |                                        |                                                                    |
|                                            |        |         |           | 12                       | m'nth                        |                                           |           | 6 to 7                               | 40                                  | 60                                         | 10                                            |                                                 | 50                                     | n ne                                   | Better.                                                            |
|                                            |        |         |           | 12                       | week                         |                                           |           | 10 00                                | 100                                 |                                            | 75                                            |                                                 | 50                                     | 50                                     | Better.                                                            |
|                                            |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         | n ne                                      | n ne      | 8 00                                 | 100                                 |                                            | 50                                            |                                                 |                                        |                                        | Better.                                                            |
| 80                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | job                          |                                           |           | 8 to 12                              | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           |                                                 |                                        | 50                                     | Good.                                                              |
|                                            |        |         |           | 11                       | m'nth                        |                                           |           | 8 00                                 | 75                                  | 25                                         | 50                                            |                                                 |                                        |                                        | Same.                                                              |
| 50                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | day                          |                                           |           | 8 00                                 |                                     | 100                                        |                                               |                                                 |                                        |                                        |                                                                    |
| 80                                         |        |         |           | 12                       | m'nth                        |                                           |           | 7 50                                 | 50                                  | 50                                         |                                               |                                                 |                                        | 75                                     | Good.                                                              |
| 95                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 15 to 20                             | 100                                 |                                            | 50                                            |                                                 | 25                                     | 50                                     | Decidedly bett'r.                                                  |
| 1 25                                       |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         |                                           |           | 8 to 15                              | 100                                 |                                            | 90                                            |                                                 | 16                                     | 25                                     | Think it better.                                                   |
| 95                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         | 10                                        |           | 12 00                                | 100                                 |                                            |                                               |                                                 | 50                                     | 50                                     | Better now.                                                        |
| 90                                         |        |         |           | 10                       | week                         | 10                                        |           | 8 to 12                              | 100                                 |                                            | 100                                           |                                                 | 14                                     | n ne                                   | Hard to say.                                                       |

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| COUNTIES.                   | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 ye'rs. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| BUNCOMBE.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| House and Sign Painter      | 8                                     | \$ 2,000          | \$ 3,000                   | \$ 800                      | 7                      | 7                     |        |         |                          | 7                     | \$2 00                                |        |
| Mfr Saddles and Harness     | 12                                    | 3,000             | 2,500                      | 1,800                       | 5                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Iron Cornice & Slate Roof'g | 12                                    | 1,500             | 6,000                      | 1,800                       | 10                     | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                     | 1 75                                  |        |
| Architect and Builder       | 12                                    | 40,000            | 50,000                     | 10,000                      | 85                     | 15                    |        |         | 2                        | 17                    | 2 00                                  |        |
| Tin and Iron Works          | 12                                    | 600               | 2,000                      |                             | 4                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Painting & Paper Hanging    | 12                                    | 1,000             | 15,000                     | 4,500                       | 25                     | 12                    |        |         |                          | 12                    | 1 75                                  |        |
| Harness and Saddlery        | 12                                    | 1,500             | 5,000                      | 856                         | 4                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Broom Factory               | 10                                    | 5,000             | 4,500                      | 1,300                       | 5                      | 2                     |        | 2       |                          | 4                     | 1 67                                  |        |
| BURKE.                      |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling                 | 12                                    | 5,000             | 7,500                      |                             | 25                     | 20                    |        |         |                          | 20                    | 1 25                                  |        |
| Lumbering and Milling       | 12                                    | 5,000             |                            | 1,200                       | 10                     | 7                     |        | 2       | 1                        | 10                    | 2 50                                  |        |
| CABARRUS.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Blacksmithing               | 12                                    | 250               | 150                        |                             | 3                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Spokes, Shuttle Blocks, &c  | 6                                     | 3,000             | 4,000                      | 500                         | 5                      | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Mfr Saddles and Harness     | 10                                    | 1,000             | 2,100                      | 500                         | 3                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 3                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Wood Working Shops          | 6                                     | 4,000             | 2,000                      |                             | 3                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     |                                       |        |
| Painting                    | 11                                    |                   | 700                        | 250                         | 2                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 75                                  |        |
| CALDWELL.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Boot and Shoe Maker         | 12                                    |                   |                            | 250                         | 3                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     | 75                                    |        |
| Contractor                  | 12                                    |                   |                            | 1,000                       | 10                     | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Cutting Lumber              | 6                                     | 1,500             | 1,200                      | 600                         | 9                      | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     |                                       |        |
| CAMDEN.                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw and Grist Mill, &c      | 6                                     | 2,000             | 1,600                      | 720                         | 7                      | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Cotton Gin                  | 3                                     | 1,050             | 500                        | 205                         | 6                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Lumber Mills                | 10                                    | 5,000             | 5,000                      | 3,000                       | 35                     | 15                    |        |         |                          | 15                    | 1 25                                  |        |
| CARTERET.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Masons and Plasterers       | 8                                     |                   |                            |                             | 4                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Milling, &c                 | 4                                     | 1,500             | 3,000                      | 1,200                       | 25                     | 8                     | 2      | 3       |                          | 13                    | 75                                    |        |
| Steam Saw Mill              | 12                                    | 1,000             | 4,000                      | 1,000                       | 20                     | 12                    |        |         |                          | 12                    | 50                                    | 40     |
| Saw Mills                   | 8                                     | 4,000             | 3,500                      | 2,000                       | 15                     | 8                     |        | 3       |                          | 11                    | 1 50                                  |        |
| Menhaden Oil and Scrap      | 8                                     | 30,000            | 16,800                     | 3,000                       | 25                     | 20                    | 2      | 3       | 3                        | 28                    | 83                                    |        |
| CASWELL.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling                 | 6                                     | 1,000             | 300                        | 175                         | 4                      | 2                     | 2      | 2       |                          | 6                     |                                       |        |
| Contractor                  | 12                                    | 2,000             | 6,000                      | 2,000                       | 10                     | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| CATAWBA.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Machine Shops, &c           | 12                                    | 4,000             |                            |                             | 10                     | 7                     | 3      |         |                          | 10                    |                                       |        |
| Manufacturer Cigars         | 12                                    | 1,400             | 5,000                      | 1,248                       | 5                      | 2                     |        | 2       | 1                        | 5                     | 1 33                                  |        |
| Book and Job Printing       | 10                                    | 4,000             |                            | 600                         | 6                      | 3                     |        | 3       |                          | 6                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Lumber and Grist Mills      | 12                                    | 15,000            |                            |                             | 25                     | 18                    |        |         |                          | 18                    | 1 25                                  |        |
| Carriage Maker              | 12                                    | 500               | 800                        |                             | 1                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     |                                       |        |
| Saw and Planing Mills       | 12                                    | 2,200             | 1,400                      | 600                         | 8                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Carriage and Wagon Shops    | 10                                    | 1,000             | 500                        | 100                         | 4                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| CHATHAM.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Lumber Mills, &c            | 12                                    | 1,000             | 1,200                      | 370                         | 6                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 3                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Saw, Grist & Planing Mills  | 12                                    | 3,000             | 700                        | 150                         | 3                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     |                                       |        |
| Foundry & Machine Works     | 12                                    | 3,000             | 4,000                      | 2,000                       | 10                     | 7                     |        |         |                          | 7                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| CHEROKEE.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw & Planing Mills, &c     | new                                   | 15,000            |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       | 1 25                                  |        |
| Builder                     | 12                                    | 8,000             |                            | 1,200                       | 10                     | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 25                                  |        |



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| Average daily wages paid unskilled men. | Women. | Youths. | Children. | No. hours for day's work. | How often are wages paid? | Per cent. increase in wages past year. | Decrease. | Average price of board per month. | Per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Per ct. in merchandise or store orders. | Per ct. adult employees who read and write. | Per ct. child'n emp'y's who read and write. | Per cent. of employees owning homes. | Per ct. who save part of earnings. | Is the moral and educational condition better or worse? |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ 50                                   | \$     | \$      | \$        | 10                        | week                      | n ne                                   |           | 12to20                            | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          | 20                                          | 10                                   | 10                                 | Worse.                                                  |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | n ne                                   |           | 9 to 20                           | 75                               | 25                                      | 100                                         |                                             | 25                                   |                                    | Much better.                                            |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                             |                                      |                                    | Unchanged.                                              |
| 75                                      |        | 50      |           | 10                        | week                      | n ne                                   |           | 10to12                            | 90                               | 10                                      |                                             |                                             |                                      | 50                                 | Some better.                                            |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        | 10        | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                             | 100                                  |                                    | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        | 8         | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 10                                          | 10                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                             | n ne                                 | n ne                               | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        | 50      |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                             |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10½                       | day                       |                                        |           | 6 to 9                            | 25                               | 75                                      |                                             | 50                                          |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 60                                      |        | 35      |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | n ne                                   | n ne      | 4 to 9                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         | 20                                          | 50                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                             |                                      |                                    | Don't know.                                             |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 9 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                             |                                      |                                    | No change.                                              |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        |                           | 8                                      |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                             | 25                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 33                               | 67                                      |                                             |                                             |                                      | 33                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       | 25                                     |           | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                             |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 11                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           |                                  |                                         | 100                                         |                                             |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 10                                     |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                             | 75                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 33                               | 67                                      | 100                                         |                                             |                                      | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 10to12                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                             |                                      |                                    | About same.                                             |
| 85                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | day                       |                                        |           | 5 to 8                            | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                             | 50                                   | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        | 50      |           | 10                        | week                      | 25                                     |           | 5 to 8                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 40                                          |                                             | n ne                                 | n ne                               | About same.                                             |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10to15                            | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                             |                                      | n ne                               | Same.                                                   |
| 45                                      | 35     | 25      |           | 11                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          | 100                                         | n ne                                 | 100                                | Same.                                                   |
| 40                                      | 25     | 25      | 20        | 11                        | irr'glr                   |                                        |           | 5 to 10                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 98                                          | 50                                          | n ne                                 | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 70                                      |        | 40      |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      |                                             | 75                                          |                                      | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        | 20      |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                             | 90                                   | 50                                 | Much better.                                            |
| 40                                      | 25     | 15      |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 5 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                             |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | 40     |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                             |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 25                               | 75                                      | 100                                         |                                             | n ne                                 | n ne                               |                                                         |
|                                         |        | 25      | 25        | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                         | 40                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        | 40      |           | 10                        | week                      | 10                                     |           | 8 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                         | 50                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 5 00                              | 30                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                             |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | job                       |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           |                                  |                                         |                                             |                                             |                                      |                                    |                                                         |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     | n ne                                   | n ne      | 6 00                              | 40                               | 60                                      | 50                                          |                                             | n ne                                 |                                    | Same.                                                   |
|                                         |        |         |           | 11                        | day                       | 5                                      |           | 8 to 9                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                             | 100                                  |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 90                                          | 100                                         | 20                                   |                                    | Much better.                                            |
| 67                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | year                      |                                        |           | 7 50                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                             |                                      | n ne                               | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 67                               | 33                                      | 50                                          |                                             |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | irr'glr                   |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                             | 75                                   |                                    |                                                         |
| 70                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 25                                     |           | 8 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 33                                          |                                             |                                      | 33                                 | Same.                                                   |

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| COUNTIES.                       | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 ye'rs. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| CHOWAN.                         |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Lumbering .....                 |                                       | \$ 100,000        | \$                         | \$                          |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       | \$2 00                                |        |
| Builder .....                   | 12                                    | 1,500             | 4,500                      | 1,000                       | 4                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 3                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Wagon Maker, &c .....           | 12                                    | 300               |                            | 400                         | 2                      |                       |        |         |                          | 2                     |                                       |        |
| CLAY.                           |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Mills .....                 | 10                                    | 2,000             | 2,000                      | 500                         | 10                     | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 75                                    |        |
| CLEVELAND.                      |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Mfgs Cotton Warps .....         | 12                                    | 60,000            | 144,000                    |                             | 75                     | 20                    | 20     | 25      | 10                       | 75                    | 1 00                                  | 75     |
| Builders .....                  | 10                                    |                   | 1,100                      | 500                         | 6                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Sash, Doors and Blinds .....    | 12                                    | 2,000             |                            |                             | 12                     | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Tin and Copper Worker .....     | 12                                    | 1,000             | 4,000                      |                             | 3                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Foundry & Machine Works .....   | 12                                    | 1,000             | 1,200                      | 300                         | 2                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 75                                  |        |
| House Painter .....             | 5                                     |                   |                            | 150                         | 3                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Printing Office .....           | 12                                    | 500               |                            | 780                         | 2                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Shingle Mills .....             | 6                                     | 3,000             | 6,000                      | 1,000                       | 7                      | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Lumber Mills .....              | 9                                     | 3,000             | 4,000                      | 500                         | 6                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Tanners & Harness Makers .....  | 12                                    | 3,000             | 4,000                      | 1,000                       | 7                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 80                                    |        |
| Wagon and Buggy Makers .....    | 12                                    |                   | 6,000                      | 3,500                       | 12                     | 11                    |        |         |                          | 11                    | 1 65                                  |        |
| Machine Shops, &c .....         | 12                                    | 15,000            | 16,000                     | 3,000                       | 10                     | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| COLUMBUS.                       |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Mfr Naval Stores .....          | 12                                    | 5,000             |                            | 10,000                      | 45                     | 25                    | 4      | 6       | 10                       | 45                    | 1 00                                  | 40     |
| Blacksmith & Wheelwr'g't .....  | 12                                    | 600               | 1,000                      |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| CRAVEN.                         |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw and Planing Mills .....     | 4                                     |                   |                            |                             | 30                     | 28                    |        |         |                          | 28                    |                                       |        |
| Locomotive Repair Shops .....   | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 40                     | 36                    |        |         |                          | 36                    | 2 25                                  |        |
| Lumber Manufacturers .....      | 12                                    | 35,000            | 50,000                     |                             | 40                     | 10                    |        |         |                          | 50                    | 2 50                                  |        |
| Contractor and Builder .....    | 12                                    | 3,000             |                            |                             | 12                     | 12                    |        |         |                          | 12                    | 1 50                                  |        |
| Saw Milling, &c .....           | 12                                    | 4,000             | 10,000                     |                             | 30                     | 36                    |        |         |                          | 30                    | 2 25                                  |        |
| Lumber Manufacturers .....      | 10                                    |                   |                            |                             | 29                     | 26                    |        |         |                          | 26                    |                                       |        |
| CUMBERLAND.                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Printing Office .....           | 8                                     | 500               | 1,400                      | 750                         | 5                      | 1                     |        |         | 1                        | 2                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Saw Milling .....               | 7                                     | 3,000             | 6,000                      |                             | 20                     | 7                     |        |         |                          | 7                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Merchant and Miller .....       | 10                                    | 4,000             | 1,000                      | 500                         | 7                      | 4                     | 3      |         |                          | 7                     |                                       |        |
| CURRITUCK.                      |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Mill .....                  | 8                                     | 2,500             | 6,000                      | 2,000                       | 10                     | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| DARE.                           |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Building Contractor .....       | 10                                    | 4,000             | 6,000                      | 1,000                       | 13                     | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| DAVIDSON.                       |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Steam Saw Mill .....            | 8                                     | 1,800             | 1,500                      | 500                         | 10                     | 5                     | 1      |         |                          | 6                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Sash, Doors and Blinds .....    | 12                                    | 10,000            | 8,000                      | 3,500                       | 10                     | 8                     |        | 1       |                          | 9                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Printing Office .....           | 12                                    | 1,200             | 2,388                      | 609                         | 3                      | 1                     |        | 1       | 2                        | 4                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Wagon Makers .....              | 11½                                   | 5,000             | 3,000                      | 1,300                       | 6                      | 4                     |        | 1       |                          | 5                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Milling, &c .....               | 12                                    | 7,500             | 1,000                      | 200                         | 4                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     |                                       |        |
| Brick Making and Building ..... | 9                                     | 10,000            |                            |                             | 40                     | 30                    |        |         |                          | 30                    | 2 00                                  |        |
| Tanning .....                   | 12                                    | 1,000             | 2,000                      | 400                         | 3                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Wagons, Plows, &c .....         | 12                                    | 4,000             | 1,500                      |                             | 7                      | 4                     |        | 1       |                          | 5                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| DAVIE.                          |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Brick-Mason & Plasterer .....   | 6                                     |                   | 300                        |                             | 1                      |                       |        |         |                          | 1                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Architect .....                 | 11                                    | 400               | 900                        | 300                         | 5                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Saw Mill .....                  | 6                                     | 7,000             |                            | 800                         |                        | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 1 00                                  |        |



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| Average daily wages paid unskilled men. | Women. | Youths. | Children. | No. hours for day's work. | How often are wages paid? | Per cent. increase in wages past year. | Decrease. | Average price of board per month. | Per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Per ct. in merchandise or store orders. | Per ct. adult employees who read and write. | Per ct. child'n employees who read and write. | Per cent. of employees owning homes. | Per ct. who save part of earnings. | Is the moral and educational condition better or worse? |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 80                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | -----                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          | 75                                            | 50                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | \$10 00                           | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | 20                                     |           | 5 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          | 75                                            | 50                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | 60     | 35      |           | 12                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 6 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          | 25                                            |                                      | 10                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           |                           | week                      |                                        | 25        | 8 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          | 25                                            |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           |                           | irr'glr                   |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 75                               | 25                                      | 100                                         |                                               | 35                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           |                           | m'nth                     | 25                                     |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 100                                  | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           |                           | day                       |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 100                                  | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           |                           | week                      |                                        | 25        | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |
|                                         |        |         |           |                           | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           | 85                               | 15                                      | 100                                         | 100                                           |                                      |                                    | Slightly better.                                        |
| 50                                      |        |         |           |                           | day                       |                                        |           | 6 50                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           |                           | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 75                                            |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        |         |           |                           | year                      |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                               | 25                                   | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           |                           | day                       |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 25                                   | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      | 30     | 30      | 15        | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 5 to 8                            | 33                               | 67                                      | 50                                          | 60                                            | 10                                   | 10                                 | Much better.                                            |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        |                           |                                        |           | 8 00                              |                                  |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | -----                                                   |
| 80                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | -----                                                   |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 4 to 10                           | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          |                                               | 20                                   | 25                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 87                                      | 50     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               | 50                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 1 25                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               | 50                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week.                     |                                        |           |                                   | 50                               | 50                                      | 80                                          |                                               | 25                                   | n'ne                               | Much better.                                            |
| 80                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 16 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 3                                           |                                               | 25                                   | 15                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 80                                      |        | 33      |           | 9                         | week                      |                                        |           | 10 to 12                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                           | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 60                                          |                                               | 30                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      | 40     |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     | 10                                     |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          |                                               | 100                                  | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               | 50                                   | 25                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | 25     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                           | 50                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      | 25     |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 10 to 12                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                           | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | 25     |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 25                                            | 25                                   | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 25                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | week                      |                                        |           | 5 to 10                           | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               | 25                                   | 25                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | 10                                     |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | n'ne                                 | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                           | 33                                   | n'ne                               | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | irr'glr                   |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 67                               | 33                                      | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 6 to 7                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          |                                               | 25                                   |                                    | -----                                                   |

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| COUNTIES.                            | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 ye'rs. | Total number employ'd. | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
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| DAVIE.                               |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                        |                                       |        |
| Builder .....                        | 6                                     | \$.....           | \$.....                    | \$.....                     | 6                      | 6                     | 1      |         |                          | 6                      | \$1 00                                |        |
| Wagon Manufacturer .....             | 12                                    | 1,000             | 2,000                      | 600                         | 2                      | 2                     | 1      |         |                          | 2                      | 1 00                                  |        |
| DUPLIN.                              |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                        |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling .....                    | 8                                     | 2,000             | 6,000                      | 1,000                       | 10                     | 5                     |        | 3       |                          | 8                      | 65                                    |        |
| Naval Stores, &c .....               | 6                                     | 4,000             |                            | 700                         | 10                     | 5                     | 1      |         |                          | 6                      | 75                                    | 55     |
| Steam Saw Mills .....                | 10                                    | 6,000             | 5,000                      | 2,200                       | 20                     | 10                    | 4      | 5       | 3                        | 22                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Steam, Saw & Grist Mills .....       | 7                                     | 2,000             | 1,500                      | 350                         | 6                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                      | 1 00                                  |        |
| DURHAM.                              |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                        |                                       |        |
| Fresco & Ornam't'l Paint'g .....     | 12                                    |                   |                            | 6,000                       | 15                     | 12                    |        |         |                          | 12                     | 5 00                                  |        |
| Painting Contractor .....            | 8                                     |                   |                            | 100                         | 3                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 3                      | 1 50                                  |        |
| Brick Contractor .....               | 5                                     | 2,500             |                            | 1,625                       | 35                     | 15                    |        |         |                          | 15                     | 75                                    |        |
| Marble Worker .....                  | 12                                    |                   | 8,000                      | 3,000                       | 6                      | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                      | 2 50                                  |        |
| House Painting .....                 | 3                                     |                   |                            | 50                          | 1                      |                       |        |         |                          | 1                      | 1 50                                  |        |
| Tin and Sheet Iron Worker .....      | 12                                    | 5,000             | 11,000                     | 3,200                       | 13                     | 7                     |        |         |                          | 7                      | 1 75                                  |        |
| Saddle and Harness Makers .....      | 12                                    | 1,500             | 2,000                      |                             | 2                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                      | 1 50                                  |        |
| Smoking Tobacco .....                | 12                                    | 2,000,000         | 1,260,000                  | 94,897                      | 455                    | 276                   | 60     | 14      |                          | 350                    | 1 75                                  |        |
| Coach Mak'g & Undertak'g .....       | 12                                    | 5,000             | 4,000                      | 1,500                       | 7                      | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                      | 1 25                                  |        |
| Building Contractor .....            | 11                                    | 5,000             | 70,000                     |                             | 150                    | 40                    |        |         |                          | 40                     | 2 50                                  |        |
| Brick-Mason and Plasterer .....      | 6                                     | 1,000             |                            | 250                         |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                        | 2 50                                  |        |
| Cig'r'tte & Smok'g Tobacco .....     | 12                                    | 600,000           | 1,900,000                  | 350,000                     | 700                    | 150                   | 175    |         |                          | 655                    | 2 00                                  |        |
| Carriage and Wagon Shops .....       | 12                                    | 1,800             | 2,500                      | 1,305                       | 4                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                      | 1 50                                  |        |
| Building Contractor .....            | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 3                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                      | 1 50                                  |        |
| EDGECOMBE.                           |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                        |                                       |        |
| Painting .....                       | 4                                     |                   | 400                        | 50                          | 4                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 6                      | 1 25                                  |        |
| Builder .....                        | 8                                     | 850               | 850                        | 550                         | 6                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                      | 1 25                                  |        |
| Building Contractor .....            | 12                                    | 9,000             | 10,000                     | 5,000                       | 40                     | 20                    |        |         |                          | 20                     | 1 75                                  |        |
| Printing Office .....                | 12                                    | 3,000             |                            | 1,500                       | 6                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                      | 1 15                                  |        |
| Carriage & Wagon Maker .....         | 10                                    | 350               | 1,050                      | 500                         | 6                      | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                      | 1 50                                  |        |
| Milling .....                        | 12                                    | 12,000            | 14,000                     | 8,000                       | 30                     | 30                    |        |         |                          | 30                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| FORSYTH.                             |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                        |                                       |        |
| Tailoring .....                      | 12                                    | 10,000            | 15,000                     |                             | 15                     | 4                     | 7      |         |                          | 11                     | 2 50                                  | 1 00   |
| Wagon Manufacturing .....            | 12                                    | 5,000             | 11,000                     | 6,000                       | 29                     | 20                    |        |         |                          | 20                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Buggy and Carriage Maker .....       | 12                                    | 5,000             | 4,000                      | 1,800                       | 9                      | 9                     |        |         |                          | 9                      | 1 75                                  |        |
| Printing Office .....                | 12                                    | 4,000             |                            | 1,500                       | 5                      | 2                     |        | 3       |                          | 5                      | 1 83                                  |        |
| Manfr Saw Mills, &c .....            | 8                                     | 10,000            | 10,000                     | 4,000                       | 18                     | 14                    |        |         |                          | 14                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Printing Business .....              | 12                                    | 4,000             | 3,484                      | 1,293                       | 6                      | 3                     |        | 2       |                          | 5                      | 1 15                                  |        |
| Manufacturer of Wagons .....         | 12                                    | 40,000            | 45,000                     | 20,000                      | 50                     | 50                    |        |         |                          | 50                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| House Painter .....                  | 9                                     | 100               | 1,500                      | 1,000                       | 5                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 3                      | 1 50                                  |        |
| B'ld'rs, & Sash, Do'rs & Bl'ds ..... | 12                                    |                   | 65,000                     | 12,000                      | 65                     | 50                    |        |         |                          | 50                     | 1 75                                  |        |
| Wagon Manufacturers .....            | 12                                    | 36,000            | 19,000                     | 6,000                       | 32                     | 25                    |        |         |                          | 25                     | 1 15                                  |        |
| Saw Mills .....                      | 6                                     | 1,300             | 2,000                      | 575                         | 7                      | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                      |                                       |        |
| Book and Job Printing .....          | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 6                      | 3                     |        | 1       | 1                        | 5                      | 1 25                                  |        |
| Foundry & Machine Shops .....        | 5                                     |                   |                            |                             | 8                      | 8                     |        |         |                          | 8                      |                                       |        |
| Marble and Stone Works .....         | 12                                    | 1,000             | 2,500                      | 700                         | 3                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 3                      |                                       |        |
| Plastering .....                     | 8                                     |                   |                            |                             | 8                      | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                      | 1 65                                  |        |
| FRANKLIN.                            |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                        |                                       |        |
| Carpenters, .....                    | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 16                     | 8                     |        |         |                          | 8                      | 1 35                                  |        |
| Milling, &c .....                    | 12                                    | 7,000             | 3,557                      | 660                         | 12                     | 7                     |        |         |                          | 8                      |                                       |        |



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|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 50                                      | 25     |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 6 to 7                            |                                  |                                         | 90                                          |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |              |
| 40                                      |        |         |           |                           |                           |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |              |
| 35                                      | 20     |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 25                               | 75                                      | 90                                          | n'ne                                          | 10                                   | n'ne                               | Worse.                                                  |              |
|                                         |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 10                               | 90                                      | 75                                          |                                               | 50                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |              |
|                                         |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        | 10        | 6 to 8                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          | 50                                            | 25                                   | 10                                 | Some better.                                            |              |
| 60                                      | 35     | 35      | 25        | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 25                               | 75                                      | 50                                          | 50                                            | 25                                   | n'ne                               | Some better.                                            |              |
| 1 50                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 15 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 25                                   | 30                                 | Better.                                                 |              |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         | 33                                          |                                               | 10                                   | n'ne                               | Some better.                                            |              |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          | 50                                            | 20                                   | n'ne                               | About same.                                             |              |
| 75                                      |        | 46      |           | 10                        | week                      | 20                                     |           | 13 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |              |
| 1 25                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 13 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      | n'ne                               | No better.                                              |              |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      | n'ne                               | No change.                                              |              |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 13 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | No better.                                              |              |
| 75                                      | 55     | 50      | 40        | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          | 75                                            | 10                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |              |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10to20                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 50                                 | About same.                                             |              |
| 87                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 15 00                             | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | Morally better.                                         |              |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        | 10        | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | Some better.                                            |              |
| 1 50                                    | 1 25   | 75      | 60        | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 19to16                            | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               | 5                                    | 10                                 | Impr'v'g all time                                       |              |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 to 15                           | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               |                                      | 50                                 | Educationally better                                    |              |
| 75                                      | 25     | 10      | 10        | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          | 50                                            |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |              |
| 40                                      |        | 20      |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        | 25        | 12 00                             | 66                               | 33                                      | 50                                          |                                               | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Worse.                                                  |              |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 80                               | 12                                      | 16                                          |                                               | 33                                   | n'ne                               | Better.                                                 |              |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 25                                          |                                               |                                      | 5                                  | 5                                                       | Same.        |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                    |                                                         | Much better. |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 5                                      |           | 12 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                               | 25                                   | n'ne                               | Same.                                                   |              |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 66                                          |                                               | 33                                   | 14                                 |                                                         |              |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 85                                   |                                    |                                                         | Better.      |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 50                                 |                                                         | Better.      |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12to15                            | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          |                                               | 25                                   | 50                                 |                                                         | Some better. |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 10                                     |           | 10to12                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         | 100                                           | 50                                   | 90                                 |                                                         | Much better. |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       | 15                                     |           | 12to15                            | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | 25                                                      | Better.      |
| 75                                      |        | 50      |           | 10                        | week                      | 5                                      |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 75                                   | 75                                 |                                                         | Better.      |
| 85                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | s-mon                     |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 35                                   | 25                                 |                                                         | Better.      |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        | 10        | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      |                                             |                                               | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Worse.                                                  |              |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                               | 60                                   | 60                                 |                                                         | Better.      |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 67                               | 33                                      | 80                                          |                                               | 75                                   | 50                                 |                                                         | Same.        |
| 72                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               | 50                                   | 75                                 |                                                         | Better.      |
| 50                                      |        | 40      |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 to 15                           | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                           |                                      |                                    |                                                         |              |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10½                       | week                      |                                        |           | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                    |                                                         | Better.      |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      | 100                                |                                                         | Better.      |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 66                                          |                                               | 33                                   |                                    |                                                         | Better.      |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 33                                 |                                                         | Better.      |
| 50                                      | 25     | 20      |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 6 to 7                            | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               |                                      | 100                                |                                                         | Better.      |

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| COUNTIES.                  | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 ye'rs. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| FRANKLIN.                  |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Building Contractor        | 10                                    | \$ 600            | \$                         | \$ 1,500                    | 11                     | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | \$1 50                                | \$     |
| Carriage and Wagon Shops   | 12                                    | 1,200             | 3,000                      | 1,000                       | 6                      | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Coach Repair Shop          | 12                                    | 500               | 750                        |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       | 1 50                                  |        |
| Milling, &c                | 12                                    | 8,000             | 3,400                      | 1,500                       | 20                     | 6                     | 3      | 4       | 13                       | 1 00                  |                                       |        |
| GASTON.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Milling                    | 12                                    | 3,000             |                            | 1,200                       | 6                      | 2                     |        |         | 2                        |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Mills, &c              | 8                                     | 4,000             |                            | 200                         | 5                      | 3                     |        |         | 3                        |                       | 75                                    |        |
| Mfr Sewing Machines &c     | 12                                    | 3,000             | 15,000                     | 1,500                       | 5                      | 4                     |        |         | 4                        | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Sash, Doors and Blinds, &c | 8                                     | 2,500             | 2,500                      | 800                         | 5                      | 3                     |        |         | 3                        | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Sash, Doors and Blinds     | 12                                    | 6,000             | 7,000                      | 1,500                       | 14                     | 10                    |        |         | 10                       | 1 60                  |                                       |        |
| GATES.                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Steam Saw and Grist Mill   | 12                                    | 5,000             |                            | 1,200                       | 10                     | 6                     |        |         | 6                        | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| House Painting             | 12                                    |                   |                            | 465                         |                        |                       |        |         |                          | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Saw and Grist Mill         | 8                                     | 6,000             | 10,000                     | 1,600                       | 10                     | 5                     |        | 2       | 7                        | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| GRAHAM.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling                | 2                                     | 2,200             | 600                        | 150                         | 9                      | 2                     |        |         | 2                        | 1 00                  |                                       |        |
| GRANVILLE.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Hardware, Tin & Gun Smith  | 12                                    | 20,000            |                            | 1,800                       | 4                      | 4                     |        |         | 4                        | 1 75                  |                                       |        |
| Wagon Manufacturer         | 12                                    | 1,000             | 2,000                      | 1,000                       | 6                      |                       |        |         | 6                        | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Sash, Doors, Blinds, &c    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          | 1 75                  |                                       |        |
| Building Contractors       | 12                                    | 8,000             | 30,000                     | 20,000                      | 75                     | 20                    |        | 5 10    | 35                       | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| GREENE.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Building Contractor        | 5                                     |                   |                            | 600                         | 8                      | 4                     |        |         | 4                        | 2 00                  |                                       |        |
| General Repair Shops       | 10                                    | 200               | 460                        | 100                         | 12                     | 2                     | 1      |         | 3                        | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Saw Mill                   | 8                                     | 2,500             | 10,000                     |                             | 10                     | 4                     | 1      |         | 5                        | 1 00                  |                                       |        |
| GUILFORD.                  |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Cotton Mills               | 12                                    | 40,000            | 100,000                    | 14,000                      | 65                     | 25                    | 26     | 3       | 54                       | 1 25                  | 85                                    |        |
| Harness and Saddlery       | 12                                    | 8,000             | 15,000                     | 1,872                       | 7                      | 4                     |        |         | 4                        | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Foundry & Machine Shops    | 12                                    | 30,000            | 45,000                     | 15,000                      | 35                     | 30                    |        |         | 30                       | 2 50                  |                                       |        |
| House Painting             | 9                                     |                   |                            |                             | 5                      | 5                     |        |         | 5                        | 1 25                  |                                       |        |
| Printing Office            | 12                                    | 1,200             |                            | 600                         | 5                      | 3                     |        |         | 3                        | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Sash, Doors and Blinds     | 12                                    | 20,000            | 75,000                     | 17,000                      | 75                     | 60                    |        | 15      | 75                       | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Builders' Supplies         | 12                                    | 14,000            | 30,000                     | 7,500                       | 25                     | 22                    |        | 1       | 23                       | 1 50                  |                                       |        |
| Wagon Maker, &c            | 12                                    | 500               |                            | 1,500                       | 3                      | 3                     |        |         | 3                        | 1 25                  |                                       |        |
| Carriage & Buggy Maker     | 12                                    | 500               | 1,200                      |                             | 3                      | 3                     |        |         | 3                        | 1 25                  |                                       |        |
| Building, &c               | 12                                    | 7,000             |                            | 12,000                      | 75                     | 35                    |        |         | 35                       | 1 66                  |                                       |        |
| HALIFAX.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Milling, &c                | 12                                    | 18,500            |                            | 3,500                       | 50                     | 33                    | 16     |         | 49                       | 1 00                  |                                       |        |
| Printing Office            | 12                                    | 20,000            | 16,000                     | 5,000                       | 24                     | 14                    | 3      |         | 17                       |                       |                                       |        |
| Mnfg Wagons, Car'ges, &c   | 12                                    | 1,500             | 4,000                      | 1,200                       | 3                      | 3                     |        |         | 3                        | 1 33                  |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling, &c            | 11                                    | 30,000            | 20,000                     | 8,000                       | 69                     | 50                    |        |         | 50                       | 1 25                  |                                       |        |
| HARNETT.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw and Grist Mills        | 10                                    | 7,000             | 2,000                      | 900                         | 25                     | 6                     | 4      |         | 10                       | 1 00                  |                                       |        |
| Saw and Planing Mills      | 10                                    | 2,000             | 5,300                      | 800                         | 8                      | 6                     |        |         | 6                        | 1 00                  |                                       |        |
| Milling, &c                | 12                                    | 1,500             | 3,000                      | 800                         | 25                     | 10                    | 12     | 3       | 25                       | 60                    | 40                                    |        |
| Milling, Ginning, &c       | 10                                    | 600               | 800                        | 500                         | 10                     | 5                     |        |         |                          | 1 25                  |                                       |        |
| HAYWOOD.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Hotel, &c                  | 4                                     | 50,000            | 15,000                     | 2,000                       | 40                     | 10                    | 5      | 5       |                          | 2 00                  | 1 00                                  |        |



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| Average daily wages paid unskilled men. | Women. | Youths. | Children. | No. hours for day's work. | How often are wages paid? | Per cent. increase in wages past year. | Decrease. | Average price of board per month. | Per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Per ct. in merchandise or store orders. | Per ct. adult employees who read and write. | Per ct. child'n employees who read and write. | Per cent. of employees owning homes. | Per ct. who save part of earnings | Is the moral and educational condition better or worse? |  |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--|
| \$ 65                                   | \$     | \$      | \$        | 11                        | week                      | ...                                    | 10 9      | to 12                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          | 66                                            | n'ne                                 | Worse.                            |                                                         |  |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 7 50      | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | 100                                           | 50                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      | ...                                    | 35 10     | to 12                             | 100                              | 66                                      | 66                                          | 66                                            | n'ne                                 | Worse.                            |                                                         |  |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       | ...                                    | 6 00      | 75                                | 25                               | 75                                      | 25                                          | 75                                            | 25                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     | ...                                    | 5 6       | to 10                             | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | 25                                            | 100                                  | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       | ...                                    | 9 00      | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | 100                                           | 100                                  | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 10 to 15  | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | n'ne                                          | 100                                  | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 5                                      | 10 00     | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | 33                                            | 100                                  | Same.                             |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 10 00     | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | 90                                            | 60                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 70                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | ...                                    | 6 to 10   | 50                                | 50                               | 90                                      | 90                                          | 25                                            | 25                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | irr'glr                   | ...                                    | 7 to 10   | 25                                | 75                               | 50                                      | 50                                          | 25                                            | 16                                   | n'ne                              | Better.                                                 |  |
| 65                                      | 40     |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 8 00      | 50                                | 50                               | 75                                      | 50                                          | 25                                            | 25                                   | Same.                             |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 5 00      | 100                               | 100                              | 50                                      | 50                                          | 67                                            | 67                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 12 00     | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | n'ne                                          | 100                                  | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 10 to 12  | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | n'ne                                          | n'ne                                 | Very good.                        |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 12 50     | 100                               | 100                              | 50                                      | 50                                          | 5                                             | 5                                    | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      | 50     | 35      |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 10 7      | to 12                             | 100                              | 25                                      | 20                                          | 10                                            | 5                                    | Some better.                      |                                                         |  |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 12 00     | 100                               | 100                              | 75                                      | 75                                          | 25                                            | 25                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      | 50     |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     | ...                                    | 5 to 8    | 25                                | 75                               | 50                                      | 50                                          | 100                                           | 20                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      | 20     |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 8 00      | 50                                | 50                               | 20                                      | 50                                          | n'ne                                          | 10                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      | 50     | 35      |           | 11                        | 2-week                    | ...                                    | 7 to 8    | 100                               | 100                              | 95                                      | 75                                          | 20                                            | 10                                   | No change.                        |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 8 to 12   | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | n'ne                                          | 60                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 25                                     | 10 to 15  | 100                               | 100                              | 90                                      | 90                                          | 50                                            | 60                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        | 45      |           | 10                        | week                      | 10                                     | 10 to 12  | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | n'ne                                          | n'ne                                 | Same.                             |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        | 45      |           | 10                        | week                      | 10                                     | 10 to 15  | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | n'ne                                          | n'ne                                 | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | 2-week                    | 5                                      | 8 00      | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | 75                                            | 50                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 8 to 10   | 100                               | 100                              | 80                                      | 80                                          | 50                                            | 75                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 5                                      | 10 to 12  | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | 33                                            | 33                                   | Same.                             |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       | ...                                    | 6 00      | 100                               | 100                              | 75                                      | 75                                          | 25                                            | 25                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 10 to 12  | 100                               | 100                              | 75                                      | 75                                          | 20                                            | 25                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 40                                      | 30     | 20      |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | ...                                    | 5 to 8    | 75                                | 25                               | 10                                      | 50                                          | 33                                            | 33                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | ...                                    | 15 00     | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | 25                                            | 25                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 10 to 12  | 66                                | 33                               | 100                                     | 100                                         | n'ne                                          | n'ne                                 | Same.                             |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      | ...                                    | 100       | 100                               | 100                              | 100                                     | 100                                         | n'ne                                          | n'ne                                 | Same.                             |                                                         |  |
| 50                                      | 40     | 15      |           | 12                        | m'nth                     | ...                                    | 6 to 8    | 100                               | 100                              | 90                                      | 90                                          | 33                                            | 33                                   | Some better.                      |                                                         |  |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       | ...                                    | 8 to 10   | 50                                | 50                               | 90                                      | 90                                          | 75                                            | 75                                   | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | day                       | ...                                    | 5 to 10   | 50                                | 50                               | 75                                      | 75                                          | 100                                           | 100                                  | Better.                           |                                                         |  |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 7 50      | 80                                | 20                               | 50                                      | 50                                          | 40                                            | 40                                   | Same.                             |                                                         |  |
| 75                                      | 75     | 50      | 25        | 10                        | week                      | ...                                    | 10 10     | to 12                             | 100                              | 100                                     | 50                                          | 75                                            | 25                                   | 10                                | Same.                                                   |  |

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| COUNTIES.                        | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 ye'rs. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>HAYWOOD.</b>                  |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling .....                | 12                                    | \$ 3,000          | \$ 8,000                   | \$ .....                    | 8                      | 8                     | ..     | ..      | 8                        | \$2 00                | \$ ..                                 | ..     |
| Lumber Mills .....               | 12                                    | 10,000            | 50,000                     | ..                          | ..                     | ..                    | ..     | ..      | ..                       | 2 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Builder .....                    | 9                                     | 2,000             | 700                        | 130                         | 7                      | 4                     | ..     | ..      | 4                        | 1 25                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Lumber Mills .....               | ..                                    | ..                | ..                         | ..                          | 25                     | 12                    | ..     | ..      | ..                       | 1 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>HENDERSON.</b>                |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Milling and Building .....       | 10                                    | 8,000             | 18,000                     | 3,000                       | 20                     | 6                     | ..     | ..      | 6                        | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Builder, &c .....                | 12                                    | 5,000             | 25,000                     | 6,500                       | 25                     | 12                    | ..     | ..      | 12                       | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Furniture, &c .....              | 12                                    | 3,000             | 2,300                      | 1,100                       | 7                      | 5                     | ..     | ..      | 5                        | 1 75                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Canning Fruits, &c .....         | 5                                     | 5,000             | ..                         | 500                         | 30                     | 20                    | ..     | ..      | 20                       | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>HERTFORD.</b>                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Milling, &c .....                | 12                                    | 3,500             | ..                         | ..                          | 25                     | 10                    | ..     | ..      | 10                       | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Lumbering .....                  | 12                                    | 4,000             | 1,000                      | 760                         | 6                      | 5                     | ..     | ..      | 5                        | 75                    | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>HYDE.</b>                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Sawing, &c .....                 | 2                                     | 1,000             | 300                        | 150                         | 5                      | 4                     | ..     | ..      | ..                       | 1 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Wood & Iron Repair Shops .....   | 12                                    | 200               | ..                         | 500                         | 1                      | 1                     | ..     | ..      | 1                        | 1 25                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Saw Mills, Lumber, &c .....      | 12                                    | 20,000            | 25,000                     | 8,000                       | 30                     | 16                    | ..     | ..      | 16                       | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>IREDELL.</b>                  |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Sash, Doors and Blinds .....     | 12                                    | 2,000             | 4,325                      | 1,875                       | ..                     | 6                     | ..     | ..      | 6                        | 1 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Tin and Sheet Iron .....         | 12                                    | 2,000             | ..                         | ..                          | 1                      | 1                     | ..     | ..      | ..                       | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Blacksmith & Carriage Sh'p ..... | 12                                    | 1,000             | 3,000                      | ..                          | 3                      | 3                     | ..     | ..      | 3                        | 1 25                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Printing Office .....            | 12                                    | 3,500             | ..                         | 2,000                       | 6                      | 4                     | ..     | 2       | 6                        | 1 30                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Saw Mill and Building .....      | 12                                    | 1,700             | ..                         | 2,000                       | 14                     | 10                    | ..     | ..      | 10                       | 1 25                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Carriage Maker .....             | 12                                    | ..                | ..                         | ..                          | 3                      | 3                     | ..     | ..      | 3                        | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Foundry and Machine Shop .....   | 12                                    | 10,000            | 50,000                     | ..                          | 12                     | 10                    | ..     | ..      | 10                       | 2 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>JACKSON.</b>                  |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling, &c .....            | 8                                     | 12,000            | 25,000                     | ..                          | 20                     | 18                    | ..     | ..      | 18                       | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Lumbering .....                  | 8                                     | 2,500             | ..                         | 1,500                       | 10                     | 5                     | ..     | ..      | 5                        | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Lumbering .....                  | 10                                    | 4,000             | 3,000                      | 1,300                       | 7                      | 5                     | ..     | ..      | 5                        | 2 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Mfg Lumber and Kaolin .....      | 12                                    | 75,000            | ..                         | 1,000                       | 30                     | 20                    | ..     | ..      | 20                       | 2 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>JOHNSTON.</b>                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Steam Saw Mills, &c .....        | 12                                    | 40,000            | 50,000                     | 4,000                       | 25                     | 10                    | 5      | 7       | 29                       | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Saw Milling, &c .....            | 11½                                   | 75,000            | 10,000                     | 7,000                       | 150                    | 50                    | 25     | 10      | 95                       | 1 25                  | 35                                    | ..     |
| Undertak'r & Wood W'ker, .....   | 12                                    | 6,000             | 3,500                      | 1,200                       | 10                     | 5                     | ..     | ..      | 5                        | 1 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>JONES.</b>                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw and Grist Mills .....        | 12                                    | 800               | 1,500                      | ..                          | 8                      | 2                     | ..     | ..      | 2                        | 1 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Milling .....                    | 12                                    | 15,000            | 5,000                      | 1,500                       | ..                     | ..                    | ..     | ..      | 10                       | 1 25                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Saw Mill .....                   | 8                                     | 1,000             | 500                        | 300                         | 6                      | 5                     | ..     | ..      | 5                        | 75                    | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>LENOIR.</b>                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Boot and Shoe Maker .....        | 12                                    | 150               | 1,000                      | ..                          | 1                      | 1                     | ..     | ..      | 1                        | ..                    | ..                                    | ..     |
| Printing Office .....            | 12                                    | 2,000             | 2,800                      | 1,000                       | 5                      | 3                     | ..     | ..      | 3                        | 1 25                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Tin and Sheet Iron Works .....   | 12                                    | 2,000             | ..                         | ..                          | 4                      | 2                     | ..     | ..      | 2                        | 2 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Blacksmith & Wheelwrig't .....   | 12                                    | 100               | 400                        | ..                          | 3                      | 1                     | ..     | ..      | 1                        | ..                    | ..                                    | ..     |
| Lumber and Shingles .....        | 12                                    | 6,000             | 7,000                      | 2,500                       | 20                     | 12                    | ..     | ..      | 12                       | 2 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Carriage & Buggy Maker .....     | ..                                    | 3,000             | ..                         | ..                          | 10                     | 8                     | 2      | ..      | 10                       | 2 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| <b>LINCOLN.</b>                  |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Wagon and Buggy Shops .....      | 12                                    | 200               | 900                        | ..                          | 4                      | 2                     | ..     | ..      | 2                        | 2 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Marble Works .....               | 12                                    | 500               | 2,000                      | 500                         | 2                      | 2                     | ..     | ..      | 2                        | 1 50                  | ..                                    | ..     |
| Flouring Mills .....             | 12                                    | 4,000             | 12,000                     | ..                          | 2                      | 2                     | ..     | ..      | 2                        | 1 00                  | ..                                    | ..     |



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| Average daily wages paid unskilled men. |    | Women. | Youths. | Children. | No. hours for day's work. | How often are wages paid? | Per cent. increase in wages past year. | Decrease. | Average price of board per month. | Per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Per ct. in merchandise or store orders. | Per ct. adult employees who read and write. | Per ct. child'n employees who read and write. | Per cent. of employees owning homes. | Per ct. who save part of earnings. | Is the moral and educational condition better or worse? |
|-----------------------------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 75                                      | 6  |        |         |           | 12                        | week.                     | 10                                     |           | \$                                | 10                               | 90                                      | 100                                         |                                               |                                      | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 90                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     | 10                                     |           | 8 to 10                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          |                                               | 10                                   | 16                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 60                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     | 25                                     |           | 8 to 10                           | 25                               | 75                                      | 75                                          | 25                                            | 25                                   | 20                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 80                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     | 10                                     |           | 10 to 12                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 33                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               | 80                                   | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               | 20                                   | 20                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 70                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           | 66                               | 33                                      | 25                                          |                                               | 25                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 55                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 6 to 8                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          |                                               |                                      | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 7 50                              | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          | n'ne                                          | n'ne                                 |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 60                                      |    |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 10 6 to 10                        | 33                               | 66                                      | 80                                          | 25                                            | 10                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 80                                      |    |        |         |           | 11½                       | week.                     |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               | 10                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10½                       | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     | 5                                      |           | 10 to 12                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 80                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 58                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 6 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               | 75                                   | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |
|                                         |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 7 to 8                            | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                               | 10                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 11                        | week.                     |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          |                                               | 10                                   | 5                                  | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          |                                               | 90                                   | 90                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |    | 50     |         |           | 10                        | week.                     | 25                                     |           | 7 50                              | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          | 75                                            | 30                                   | 25                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | 40 | 25     |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 to 8                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          |                                               | 10                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 40                                      | 35 | 25     | 15      |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 6 to 10                           | 100                              |                                         | 25                                          | 16                                            | 8                                    | 5                                  | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |    | 30     |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 67                               | 33                                      | 100                                         | 25                                            | 25                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |    |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       |                                        |           | 7 to 8                            | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 6 to 10                           | 100                              | 25                                      | 25                                          |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |    | 40     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 30                                          | 20                                            | 20                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |    |        |         |           | 10                        | job                       | n'ne                                   |           | 10 to 12                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | n'ne                                 |                                    | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 10 to 13                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 100                                  |                                    |                                                         |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 10 to 15                          | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               |                                      |                                    | Much better.                                            |
| 50                                      |    |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       |                                        | 5         | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 10                                          |                                               | n'ne                                 |                                    | Worse.                                                  |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 12                        | week.                     |                                        |           | 6 to 12                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 80                                          | 33                                            | 8                                    |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 1 00                                    |    | 50     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 67                               | 33                                      | 100                                         | 100                                           | n'ne                                 | 20                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       | 5                                      |           | 9 00                              | 75                               | 25                                      | 100                                         | 50                                            | 75                                   | 100                                | Some better.                                            |
| 75                                      |    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       | 20                                     |           | 8 to 12                           | 75                               | 25                                      | 50                                          |                                               |                                      | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |    |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 5 to 7                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      | 20                                 | Same.                                                   |

TABLE No.

| COUNTIES.                    | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 ye'rs. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women.  |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| LINCOLN.                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Milling, &c.....             | 12                                    | \$.....           | \$.....                    | \$.....                     | 10                     | 10                    | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 10                    | \$.....                               | \$..... |
| McDOWELL.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Brick Making & Plastering    | 9                                     | 500               | .....                      | 150                         | 9                      | 9                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 9                     | 2 50                                  | .....   |
| Wagon Making, &c.....        | 13                                    | 4,000             | 1,000                      | .....                       | 8                      | 3                     | 2      | .....   | .....                    | 5                     | .....                                 | .....   |
| Carpentering, &c.....        | 10                                    | 800               | 700                        | .....                       | .....                  | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 2                     | .....                                 | .....   |
| Lumber Manufacturer.....     | 10                                    | 2,000             | 7,000                      | 1,716                       | 25                     | 10                    | .....  | 2       | .....                    | 12                    | 1 00                                  | .....   |
| Millwright.....              | 10                                    | 2,000             | 5,000                      | 875                         | 10                     | 6                     | 2      | .....   | .....                    | 8                     | 1 00                                  | .....   |
| Blacksmith.....              | 12                                    | 100               | 300                        | .....                       | .....                  | 1                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 1                     | 25                                    | .....   |
| MACON.                       |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Saw Milling.....             | 8                                     | 2,000             | 2,000                      | 1,000                       | 18                     | 18                    | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 18                    | .....                                 | .....   |
| Wagon Making.....            | 12                                    | 1,200             | 2,000                      | .....                       | 6                      | 6                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 6                     | 2 00                                  | .....   |
| MADISON.                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Wood Worker.....             | .....                                 | .....             | 250                        | .....                       | 2                      | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 2                     | 2 00                                  | .....   |
| Tin Shop.....                | .....                                 | .....             | .....                      | 750                         | 5                      | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 2                     | 2 00                                  | .....   |
| MARTIN.                      |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Coach Maker.....             | 12                                    | 2,000             | 4,000                      | .....                       | 3                      | 1                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 1                     | 1 50                                  | .....   |
| Lumber and Shingles.....     | 10                                    | 8,000             | 30,000                     | 4,500                       | 18                     | 15                    | .....  | 3       | 1                        | 19                    | .....                                 | .....   |
| Painting, &c.....            | 2                                     | .....             | .....                      | .....                       | 2                      | .....                 | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 1                     | 25                                    | .....   |
| MECKLENBURG.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Furniture Factory.....       | 12                                    | 20,000            | 30,000                     | 12,000                      | 55                     | 40                    | 5      | 5       | 5                        | 55                    | 1 50                                  | 50      |
| Roots, Herbs, &c.....        | 12                                    | 20,000            | 30,000                     | .....                       | 6                      | 4                     | 2      | 5       | .....                    | 11                    | 4 50                                  | .....   |
| Foundry & Machine Shops      | 12                                    | 100,000           | 125,000                    | 41,600                      | 105                    | 95                    | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 95                    | 2 00                                  | .....   |
| Sash, Doors and Blinds.....  | 12                                    | 8,000             | 15,000                     | 7,000                       | 40                     | 20                    | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 20                    | 1 50                                  | .....   |
| General Iron Works.....      | 12                                    | 50,000            | 110,000                    | 30,000                      | 93                     | 80                    | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 80                    | 2 00                                  | .....   |
| Saw Mill.....                | 6                                     | 4,600             | 985                        | 430                         | 8                      | 5                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 5                     | 1 25                                  | .....   |
| MONTGOMERY.                  |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Corn and Flour Mills.....    | 11                                    | 2,300             | .....                      | 700                         | 7                      | 3                     | .....  | 1       | .....                    | 4                     | 1 25                                  | .....   |
| Wagon Shops.....             | 10                                    | 6,000             | .....                      | 1,500                       | 7                      | 6                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 6                     | 1 00                                  | .....   |
| Saw Mill, &c.....            | 6                                     | 3,000             | 1,000                      | .....                       | 10                     | 4                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 4                     | 75                                    | .....   |
| MOORE.                       |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Founders and Machinists..... | 12                                    | 4,000             | 600                        | 300                         | 4                      | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 2                     | 75                                    | .....   |
| Saw Milling.....             | 12                                    | 3,500             | 2,000                      | .....                       | 12                     | 8                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 8                     | 1 50                                  | .....   |
| Carriages and Buggies.....   | 12                                    | 3,500             | .....                      | .....                       | 27                     | 6                     | .....  | 1       | .....                    | 7                     | 1 50                                  | .....   |
| Iron Found'rs & Mach'nists   | 12                                    | 3,500             | 3,000                      | 500                         | 3                      | 1                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 1                     | 1 25                                  | .....   |
| Lumber, Shingles & Laths     | 12                                    | 1,500             | 3,000                      | 2,200                       | 10                     | 8                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 8                     | .....                                 | .....   |
| NASH.                        |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Carriage Manufacturers.....  | 12                                    | .....             | 20,000                     | 4,301                       | 13                     | 13                    | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 13                    | 1 75                                  | .....   |
| NEW HANOVER.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Machine Shops.....           | 12                                    | .....             | .....                      | .....                       | 75                     | 50                    | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 50                    | 2 50                                  | .....   |
| Building Contractor.....     | 8                                     | .....             | .....                      | 500                         | 13                     | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 2                     | 2 00                                  | .....   |
| NORTHAMPTON.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |         |
| Saw Mill and Grist Mill, &c  | 12                                    | 12,000            | 5,000                      | 1,000                       | 12                     | 5                     | 1      | .....   | .....                    | 6                     | 1 00                                  | .....   |
| Wagon and Buggy Shops.....   | 12                                    | 500               | 1,000                      | .....                       | .....                  | .....                 | .....  | .....   | .....                    | .....                 | .....                                 | .....   |
| Wheelwright & Und'rta'r      | 12                                    | 600               | 800                        | .....                       | .....                  | .....                 | .....  | .....   | .....                    | .....                 | .....                                 | .....   |
| Brick-Mason, &c.....         | 8                                     | 5,000             | .....                      | 100                         | 2                      | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 2                     | .....                                 | .....   |
| Lumber Business.....         | 11                                    | 5,000             | 30,000                     | 4,000                       | 50                     | 50                    | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 50                    | 1 00                                  | .....   |
| Masonry, &c.....             | 4                                     | 1,200             | .....                      | .....                       | 2                      | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                    | 2                     | 1 50                                  | .....   |



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|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ 50                                   | \$     | \$      | \$        | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | \$ 8 00                           | 75                               | 25                                      | 50                                          |                                                |                                      | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 25                                          | 50                                             |                                      |                                    | Some better.                                            |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 25                               | 75                                      |                                             | 50                                             | 90                                   | n'ne                               | Perhaps better.                                         |
| 60                                      |        | 20      |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | 10                                     |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 10                                          |                                                | 100                                  | 50                                 | Much better.                                            |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | day                       |                                        | 15        | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                                | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Morally better.                                         |
|                                         |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        | 10        | 6 to 8                            | 66                               | 80                                      | 75                                          | 90                                             | 25                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                                |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       |                                        |           | 25 6 to 10                        |                                  | 100                                     | 20                                          | 75                                             | 75                                   | n'ne                               | Worse.                                                  |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 25                                          | 50                                             | 95                                   | 25                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 10                                          | 67                                             | 67                                   | 25                                 | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 45     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 9 00                              | 100                              |                                         |                                             | 67                                             | 67                                   | 67                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 9 00                              | 75                               | 25                                      | 100                                         | 75                                             | 80                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 80                                      | 50     | 20      |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | n'ne                                        |                                                |                                      | 10                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | 6 to 8                            | 33                               | 67                                      | 50                                          | 50                                             | 33                                   |                                    | Worse.                                                  |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                            | n'ne                                 | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | 50     | 30      |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                            |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 5                                      |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          |                                                | 5                                    |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                                | 20                                   | 25                                 | Same.                                                   |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 to 12                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                                | 15                                   | 30                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 to 14                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                                | 5                                    | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       | 10                                     |           | 8 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 75                                          |                                                | 50                                   | 67                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 50                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 67                                          |                                                | 25                                   | 25                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        | 40      |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 to 8                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                            | 75                                   | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 to 15                           | 75                               | 25                                      | 100                                         |                                                | 50                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 6 to 8                            | 50                               | 50                                      |                                             |                                                |                                      | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | irr'glr                   |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      |                                             |                                                | n'ne                                 | 25                                 |                                                         |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         | n'ne                                           | n'ne                                 |                                    | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      |        | 30      |           | 11                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 5 to 10                           | 33                               | 67                                      | 75                                          |                                                | 25                                   | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                            | 16                                   |                                    | Better we think.                                        |
| 1 25                                    |        |         |           |                           |                           |                                        |           | 15 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                                | 25                                   | 10                                 |                                                         |
| 85                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 15 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                                | 25                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      | 25     |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 66                                          |                                                | 50                                   | n'ne                               | Same.                                                   |
|                                         |        |         |           | 12                        |                           |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           |                                  |                                         |                                             |                                                |                                      |                                    |                                                         |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        |                           |                                        |           | 12 50                             |                                  |                                         |                                             |                                                |                                      |                                    |                                                         |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 10                                          |                                                |                                      |                                    |                                                         |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                                | 25                                   |                                    | Worse.                                                  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 11                        | day                       |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                                | 50                                   | 20                                 | Better.                                                 |

TABLE No.

| COUNTIES.                   | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Children under 14 years. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| ONSLOW.                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Builder, &c                 | 8                                     | \$                | \$                         | \$                          | 2                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     | \$                                    | \$     |
| PAMLICO.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Pine and Poplar Lumber      | 10                                    | 3,000             |                            |                             | 20                     | 20                    |        |         |                          | 20                    | 1 50                                  |        |
| Saw and Grist Mill          | 10                                    |                   |                            |                             | 25                     | 15                    |        |         |                          | 5                     |                                       |        |
| PASQUOTANK.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Steam, Saw and Grist Mills  | 12                                    | 15,000            | 16,000                     | 2,000                       | 6                      | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 1 40                                  |        |
| Seine, Twine & Nett'g Mills | 12                                    | 23,000            | 20,000                     | 4,000                       | 25                     | 3                     | 8      | 11      |                          | 22                    | 2 00                                  |        |
| Saw and Planing Mills       | 11                                    |                   |                            |                             | 12                     | 8                     |        | 2       |                          | 10                    | 1 50                                  |        |
| Printing Office             | 12                                    | 2,000             |                            | 780                         | 3                      | 2                     |        |         | 1                        | 3                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Lumber Mills                | 12                                    | 100,000           | 108,700                    | 14,052                      | 24                     | 12                    |        |         |                          | 12                    | 1 80                                  |        |
| Carriage & Machine Shops    | 12                                    | 8,000             |                            | 2,125                       | 12                     | 6                     | 1      |         |                          | 7                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Cotton Seed Oil Mills       | 6                                     | 20,000            | 22,000                     | 3,600                       | 35                     | 22                    |        |         |                          | 22                    | 2 00                                  |        |
| PENDER.                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Wagon and Buggy Maker       | 12                                    | 250               | 500                        |                             | 2                      |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| PERQUIMANS.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| General Milling             | 8                                     | 4,000             | 2,000                      | 500                         | 10                     | 4                     | 1      |         | 1                        | 6                     | 3 00                                  |        |
| Milling, &c                 | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 7                      | 6                     |        | 1       |                          | 7                     |                                       |        |
| Milling, &c                 | 5                                     | 3,000             | 1,200                      |                             | 5                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     | 25                                    |        |
| PERSON.                     |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Milling, &c                 | 12                                    | 7,000             | 10,000                     | 3,000                       | 50                     | 30                    | 6      | 8       |                          | 44                    | 1 25                                  | 50     |
| Carriages & Undertaking     | 12                                    | 3,500             | 3,500                      |                             | 4                      | 4                     | 1      |         |                          | 5                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Milling, &c                 | 12                                    |                   | 6,000                      | 3,000                       | 60                     | 30                    |        |         |                          | 30                    | 1 25                                  | 50     |
| Milling, &c                 | 12                                    | 10,000            | 5,400                      |                             | 22                     | 14                    | 2      | 6       |                          | 22                    | 1 25                                  |        |
| PITT.                       |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Buggy and Wagon Maker       | 12                                    | 400               | 1,000                      | 400                         | 1                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Iron and Marble Works       | 12                                    | 3,000             | 4,500                      | 1,000                       | 13                     | 8                     |        |         | 2                        | 10                    | 1 50                                  |        |
| POLK.                       |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Mills                   | 6                                     | 1,500             |                            | 200                         | 8                      | 3                     | 1      | 4       |                          | 8                     | 1 00                                  | 40     |
| RANDOLPH.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Hardwood Lumber             | 12                                    |                   |                            | 2,800                       | 26                     | 10                    |        | 3       |                          | 13                    | 1 25                                  | 75     |
| Cotton Mills                | 12                                    | 48,000            | 63,500                     | 7,793                       | 42                     | 7                     | 16     | 17      |                          | 40                    | 1 50                                  | 50     |
| Carriage and Buggy Maker    | 12                                    | 3,000             |                            | 1,000                       | 6                      | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Saw and Planing Mills       | 12                                    | 3,000             |                            |                             | 18                     | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 75                                    |        |
| Spokes and Shuttle Blocks   | 9                                     | 3,500             | 2,700                      | 1,000                       | 5                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 70                                    |        |
| Carriage Maker              | 12                                    | 1,000             | 2,500                      | 900                         | 7                      | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Manufacturing Chairs        | 11                                    |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| RICHMOND.                   |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Wheelw'ght & Blacksmith     | 12                                    | 1,500             | 1,700                      | 600                         | 3                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| Lumber and Turpentine       | 10                                    | 100,000           |                            | 10,000                      | 10                     | 3                     | 5      | 10      | 3                        | 21                    | 1 50                                  |        |
| ROBESON.                    |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Printing Office             | 12                                    | 3,000             | 4,000                      | 1,750                       | 5                      | 2                     | 3      |         |                          | 5                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Building Contractor         | 10                                    |                   |                            |                             | 12                     | 6                     |        |         |                          | 6                     | 1 75                                  |        |
| ROCKINGHAM.                 |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Builder and Box Maker       | 12                                    | 15,000            | 20,000                     | 1,500                       | 12                     | 2                     |        | 2       |                          | 4                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Printing Office             | 12                                    | 1,000             |                            | 500                         | 4                      | 4                     |        |         | 2                        | 4                     | 1 00                                  |        |
| House and Sign Painter      | 9                                     |                   | 1,000                      |                             | 6                      | 4                     |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 75                                  |        |
| Milling                     | 8                                     |                   |                            | 100                         |                        | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     |                                       |        |



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| Average daily wages paid unskilled men. | Women. | Youths. | Children. | No. hours for day's work. | How often are wages paid? | Per cent. increase in wages past year. | Decrease. | Average price of board per month. | Per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Per ct. in merchandise or store orders. | Per ct. adult employees who read and write. | Per ct. child'n employees who read and write. | Per cent. of employees owning homes. | Per ct. who save part of earnings. | Is the moral and educational condition better or worse? |         |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| \$ 75                                   | \$     | \$      | \$        | 11                        | day                       |                                        |           | \$ 8 00                           | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                    | Better.                                                 |         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 33                               | 67                                      | 65                                          |                                               | 10                                   |                                    | Better.                                                 |         |
| 75                                      | 40     | 35      |           | 10                        |                           |                                        |           |                                   |                                  |                                         | 80                                          | 50                                            | 50                                   | 10                                 | Same.                                                   |         |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               | 50                                   | n'ne                               | Same.                                                   |         |
| 1 00                                    | 50     | 38      |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 20                                   | 20                                 | Same.                                                   |         |
| 1 00                                    | 50     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          |                                               | 40                                   | 20                                 | Same.                                                   |         |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 100                                  |                                    | Worse.                                                  |         |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               | 25                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |         |
| 75                                      | 75     |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   | 100                                | Better.                                                 |         |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 40                                          |                                               | 20                                   |                                    | Same.                                                   |         |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 60                                          | 10                                            |                                      |                                    | Worse.                                                  |         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 90                               | 10                                      | 75                                          | 100                                           |                                      |                                    | No better.                                              |         |
| 80                                      |        | 50      |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 to 8                            | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               | 90                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |         |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 to 8                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 80                                          |                                               | n'ne                                 | all                                | Better.                                                 |         |
| 50                                      | 40     | 30      |           | 11                        | m'nth                     | 10                                     |           | 6 to 8                            | 67                               | 33                                      | 40                                          |                                               | n'ne                                 | 60                                 | Better.                                                 |         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | irr'g'lr                  |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               | 50                                   | 75                                 | Better.                                                 |         |
| 50                                      | 25     | 25      |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 4 to 8                            | 100                              |                                         | 25                                          |                                               | n'ne                                 | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |         |
| 50                                      | 35     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 75                                          | 25                                            | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Same.                                                   |         |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 100                                  | n'ne                               | Same.                                                   |         |
| 62                                      |        | 35      | 25        | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        | 15        | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                           | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Better.                                                 |         |
| 50                                      | 60     | 30      | 25        | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 5 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                           | 80                                   | 100                                | Better.                                                 |         |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10½                       | s-mon                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 25                                          |                                               |                                      | 50                                 | Same.                                                   |         |
| 75                                      | 40     | 30      | 20        | 11½                       | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 6 to 9                            | 100                              |                                         | 25                                          | 90                                            |                                      | 5                                  | 75                                                      | Better. |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                    |                                                         | Better. |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 7 50                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 40                                   |                                    |                                                         | Better. |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | s-mon                     |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               | 67                                   | 33                                 | Better.                                                 |         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | s-mon                     |                                        |           | 7 50                              | 75                               | 25                                      | 100                                         |                                               | 25                                   | 25                                 | Same.                                                   |         |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 100                                           | 100                                  | 100                                | Better.                                                 |         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          | 75                                            | 100                                  |                                    | Better.                                                 |         |
| 75                                      | 40     | 25      | 15        | 11                        | day                       |                                        | 5         | 5 to 7                            | 60                               | 40                                      | 60                                          | 20                                            | 75                                   | 5                                  | Better.                                                 |         |
| 75                                      | 52     |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 100                                  | 100                                | Better.                                                 |         |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10½                       | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                               | 100                                  |                                    | Same.                                                   |         |
| 75                                      |        | 30      |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | 50                                            | 50                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |         |
| 50                                      |        | 25      |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 67                               | 33                                      | 50                                          | 50                                            | 10                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |         |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 33                                   | 25                                 | Better.                                                 |         |
|                                         |        | 50      |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      |                                             |                                               | 20                                   | 20                                 | Worse.                                                  |         |

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| COUNTIES.                          | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 ye. rs. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| ROCKINGHAM.                        |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Publisher and Printer .....        | 6                                     | \$ 800            | \$ .....                   | \$ 300                      | 2                      | 1                     | ...    | 1       | ...                       | 2                     | \$1 35                                | \$...  |
| Calceining & Paper Hang'g .....    | 9                                     | .....             | .....                      | .....                       | .....                  | .....                 | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 1                     | 50                                    | 70     |
| Newspaper Printing.....            | 12                                    | 1,000             | .....                      | 500                         | 4                      | 4                     | .....  | .....   | 2                         | 6                     | 1 00                                  | ...    |
| ROWAN.                             |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Builders, &c .....                 | 12                                    | 45,000            | 10,000                     | .....                       | 24                     | 11                    | 6      | 4       | .....                     | 21                    | 1 25                                  | 40     |
| Contractors and Builders .....     | 10                                    | 6,000             | .....                      | 2,000                       | 12                     | 8                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 8                     | 1 25                                  | ...    |
| Saw Mill and Gin.....              | 5                                     | 2,000             | 600                        | .....                       | 6                      | 6                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 6                     | 1 00                                  | .....  |
| Sash, Doors and Blinds.....        | 12                                    | 10,000            | 8,000                      | 3,000                       | 15                     | 12                    | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 12                    | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| Steam Saw Mill .....               | 9                                     | 2,000             | .....                      | 1,200                       | 12                     | 9                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 9                     | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| Cotton Goods .....                 | .....                                 | 150,000           | .....                      | .....                       | .....                  | .....                 | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 1                     | 50                                    | .....  |
| Hotel, &c .....                    | 12                                    | 4,000             | .....                      | 1,500                       | 8                      | 4                     | 4      | .....   | .....                     | 8                     | .....                                 | .....  |
| RUTHERFORD.                        |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Building Contractors .....         | .....                                 | 1,000             | .....                      | .....                       | 10                     | 4                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 4                     | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| Carpenter, Blacksmith, &c .....    | 10                                    | .....             | .....                      | 1,200                       | 10                     | 4                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 4                     | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| Contractor and Builder .....       | 8                                     | .....             | 5,000                      | 1,500                       | 10                     | 4                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 4                     | 1 25                                  | .....  |
| Tin and Sheet Iron Works .....     | 12                                    | 500               | 1,000                      | .....                       | 3                      | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 2                     | 1 00                                  | .....  |
| Tannery .....                      | 12                                    | 20,000            | 35,000                     | 5,000                       | 15                     | 15                    | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 15                    | 1 12                                  | .....  |
| Steam Saw Mill .....               | 4                                     | 2,000             | 4,000                      | .....                       | 8                      | 5                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 5                     | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| SAMPSON.                           |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Milling.....                   | 6                                     | 12,000            | 9,000                      | .....                       | 5                      | 4                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 4                     | .....                                 | .....  |
| STANLY.                            |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Saw Mill, Gin, &c .....            | 9                                     | 7,000             | 1,400                      | .....                       | 15                     | 15                    | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 15                    | 1 00                                  | .....  |
| Builder and Contractor .....       | 9                                     | 500               | .....                      | 350                         | 8                      | 3                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 3                     | 1 75                                  | .....  |
| Saw Mill, &c .....                 | 9                                     | 1,500             | .....                      | .....                       | .....                  | 5                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 5                     | 75                                    | .....  |
| Furniture and Undertak'g .....     | 12                                    | 1,000             | .....                      | 180                         | 1                      | 1                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 1                     | 1 25                                  | .....  |
| House Carpenter .....              | 9                                     | 600               | 1,800                      | 400                         | 5                      | 3                     | .....  | 1       | 1                         | 5                     | 1 00                                  | .....  |
| Steam Mills .....                  | 8                                     | 2,400             | 1,200                      | 500                         | 13                     | 6                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 6                     | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| Milling, &c .....                  | 12                                    | 20,000            | 5,415                      | 1,500                       | 49                     | 15                    | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 15                    | 1 25                                  | .....  |
| STOKES.                            |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Builders, &c .....                 | 12                                    | 2,000             | 1,000                      | .....                       | 6                      | 3                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 3                     | 1 00                                  | .....  |
| Tobacco Manufacturer .....         | 12                                    | .....             | .....                      | 2,500                       | 20                     | 12                    | 6      | 6       | .....                     | 12                    | 1 25                                  | .....  |
| SURRY.                             |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Milling and Building .....         | 12                                    | 6,000             | 10,000                     | 2,000                       | 30                     | 20                    | 5      | 4       | 2                         | 31                    | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| Wagon Makers .....                 | 12                                    | .....             | .....                      | 1,500                       | 9                      | 6                     | 2      | .....   | .....                     | 8                     | 1 75                                  | 50     |
| Painter .....                      | 6                                     | .....             | .....                      | .....                       | .....                  | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 2                     | 1 25                                  | .....  |
| Mfr. Cot'n Wo'l'ns & Leath'r ..... | 11                                    | 45,000            | 25,000                     | .....                       | 38                     | 6                     | .....  | 15      | 8                         | 29                    | 1 25                                  | 45     |
| Newspaper Publisher .....          | 12                                    | 1,600             | 1,200                      | .....                       | 2                      | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 2                     | 1 25                                  | .....  |
| Manufacturer Wagons .....          | 12                                    | 3,000             | 2,800                      | 1,500                       | 23                     | 8                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 8                     | 1 00                                  | .....  |
| Wagon and Repair Shop .....        | 12                                    | 2,000             | 2,500                      | 1,000                       | .....                  | 5                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 5                     | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| SWAIN.                             |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Milling, &c .....                  | 6                                     | 1,500             | 300                        | .....                       | 5                      | 1                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 1                     | 75                                    | .....  |
| Saw Mill .....                     | 6                                     | 4,000             | .....                      | .....                       | .....                  | .....                 | .....  | .....   | .....                     | .....                 | 1 25                                  | .....  |
| Saw Mill .....                     | 12                                    | .....             | .....                      | .....                       | 60                     | 40                    | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 40                    | 1 50                                  | .....  |
| Tanning, &c .....                  | .....                                 | .....             | .....                      | 400                         | .....                  | 5                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | .....                 | 1 00                                  | .....  |
| TYRRELL.                           |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                           |                       |                                       |        |
| Mfg Juniper Lumber, &c .....       | 12                                    | 5,000             | 10,000                     | 3,000                       | 25                     | 20                    | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 20                    | 2 00                                  | .....  |
| Boat Building .....                | 8                                     | .....             | .....                      | .....                       | 4                      | 2                     | .....  | .....   | .....                     | 2                     | 1 50                                  | .....  |



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| Average daily wages paid unskilled men. | Women. | Youths. | Children. | No. hours for day's work. | How often are wages paid? | Per cent. increase in wages past year. | Decrease. | Average price of board per month. | Per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Per ct. in merchandise or store orders. | Per ct. adult employees who read and write. | Per ct. child'n employees who read and write. | Per cent. of employees owning homes. | Per ct. who save part of earnings. | Is the moral and educational condition better or worse? |
|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ 75                                   | \$ 35  | \$ 25   | 60        | 10                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 8 to 12                           | 100                              | ---                                     | 100                                         | ---                                           | ---                                  | ---                                | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      | 35     | 25      | ---       | 10                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | ---                               | 100                              | ---                                     | 90                                          | 60                                            | 80                                   | 60                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | ---    | 25      | ---       | 12                        | s-mon                     | ---                                    | ---       | 10 00                             | 67                               | 33                                      | 50                                          | 50                                            | 10                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | 25     | 20      | ---       | 10                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 8 to 10                           | 100                              | ---                                     | 25                                          | 100                                           | 50                                   | 75                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 8 to 15                           | 100                              | ---                                     | 90                                          | ---                                           | 8                                    | 16                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | day                       | ---                                    | ---       | 8 00                              | 25                               | 75                                      | 75                                          | ---                                           | 75                                   | ---                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 8 to 15                           | 100                              | ---                                     | 100                                         | ---                                           | 8                                    | ---                                | Same.                                                   |
| 60                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 20 7 00                           | 100                              | ---                                     | 50                                          | ---                                           | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Worse.                                                  |
| 75                                      | ---    | 40      | 35        | 10                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 8 to 10                           | 100                              | ---                                     | 90                                          | 90                                            | 20                                   | 25                                 | Same.                                                   |
| 60                                      | 35     | ---     | ---       | 14                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 12 50                             | 100                              | ---                                     | 100                                         | ---                                           | n'ne                                 | n'ne                               | Same.                                                   |
| 65                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 12                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 15 8 to 15                        | 75                               | 25                                      | 100                                         | ---                                           | 25                                   | ---                                | Morally better.                                         |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 10 10 to 12                       | 50                               | 50                                      | 75                                          | 50                                            | 50                                   | 20                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 11                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 13 50                             | 67                               | 33                                      | 30                                          | ---                                           | 75                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | day                       | ---                                    | ---       | 8 to 12                           | 100                              | ---                                     | 100                                         | ---                                           | n'ne                                 | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| ---                                     | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | s-mon                     | ---                                    | ---       | 8 to 10                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         | ---                                           | ---                                  | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | ---                               | 60                               | 40                                      | 65                                          | ---                                           | 20                                   | 40                                 | ---                                                     |
| 60                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 12                        | ---                       | ---                                    | ---       | 6 to 8                            | ---                              | ---                                     | ---                                         | ---                                           | ---                                  | ---                                | ---                                                     |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 7 to 8                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         | 100                                           | 50                                   | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | ---                               | 100                              | ---                                     | ---                                         | ---                                           | ---                                  | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| ---                                     | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | ---                       | ---                                    | ---       | 8 to 12                           | ---                              | ---                                     | ---                                         | ---                                           | ---                                  | ---                                | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | irr'glr                   | ---                                    | ---       | 6 50                              | 100                              | ---                                     | 100                                         | ---                                           | 100                                  | 100                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | 25      | 20        | 10                        | day                       | 25                                     | ---       | 6 to 7                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         | ---                                           | ---                                  | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 12                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 6 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 75                                          | ---                                           | 50                                   | 75                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 40                                      | 35     | ---     | 25        | 10                        | day                       | ---                                    | ---       | 6 to 7                            | ---                              | ---                                     | 50                                          | 33                                            | 15                                   | 15                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | 30     | ---     | ---       | 10                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 10 5 to 6                         | 50                               | 50                                      | ---                                         | 67                                            | ---                                  | ---                                | Better.                                                 |
| 60                                      | 30     | ---     | ---       | 12                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 10 8 to 10                        | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          | 20                                            | 40                                   | ---                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | 25      | 20        | 12                        | day                       | ---                                    | ---       | 9 to 12                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 75                                          | 100                                           | 75                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    | 25     | ---     | ---       | 11                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 12 to 15                          | 100                              | ---                                     | 100                                         | ---                                           | 100                                  | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 12                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 25 10 00                          | 100                              | ---                                     | ---                                         | ---                                           | ---                                  | ---                                | ---                                                     |
| 60                                      | 40     | ---     | ---       | 11                        | m'nth                     | 10                                     | ---       | 6 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         | 80                                            | ---                                  | 25                                 | Good.                                                   |
| ---                                     | 40     | ---     | ---       | 10                        | week                      | 15                                     | ---       | 8 00                              | 100                              | ---                                     | 100                                         | ---                                           | 50                                   | ---                                | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | day                       | ---                                    | ---       | 5 00                              | 10                               | 90                                      | 30                                          | ---                                           | 40                                   | 40                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 12                        | day                       | ---                                    | ---       | 8 00                              | 100                              | ---                                     | ---                                         | 100                                           | ---                                  | 75                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | 25     | ---     | ---       | 10                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 75                                          | 60                                            | 50                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | week                      | ---                                    | ---       | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 67                                          | 50                                            | 67                                   | ---                                | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | ---                       | ---                                    | ---       | 6 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | ---                                         | ---                                           | 75                                   | 33                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 10                        | day                       | ---                                    | ---       | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         | ---                                           | 50                                   | 50                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 12                        | m'nth                     | ---                                    | ---       | 8 00                              | 100                              | ---                                     | 50                                          | ---                                           | 50                                   | 10                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      | ---    | ---     | ---       | 12                        | day                       | ---                                    | ---       | 5 to 12                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 50                                          | 50                                            | ---                                  | ---                                | Better.                                                 |

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| COUNTIES.                           | Number months in operation past year. | Capital employed. | Value of product for year. | Paid for labor during year. | Greatest No. employ'd. | Av. No. men employ'd. | Women. | Youths. | Childr'n under 14 ye'rs. | Total number employ'd | Average daily wages paid skilled men. | Women. |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| UNION.                              |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Builder .....                       | 12                                    | \$ 4,000          | \$ 4,500                   | \$ 2,000                    | 25                     | 10                    |        |         |                          | 10                    | \$1 50                                |        |
| Machine Shops, &c .....             | 12                                    | 2,000             | 4,500                      | 1,500                       | 7                      | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| VANCE.                              |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Buggy and Wagon Maker .....         | 12                                    | 500               | 900                        | 324                         | 3                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 3                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Building Contractor .....           | 6                                     |                   |                            |                             | 5                      | 3                     |        |         |                          | 3                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Tin Worker .....                    | 12                                    | 1,200             | 4,000                      | 700                         | 5                      | 2                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Tin and Gun Smith .....             | 12                                    | 400               | 1,200                      | 300                         | 5                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     | 2 00                                  |        |
| Builders and Contractors .....      | 6                                     | 45,000            |                            | 2,000                       | 30                     | 10                    |        | 5       | 5                        | 20                    | 2 25                                  |        |
| WAKE.                               |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Mfr Shoes & Horse Collars .....     | 11                                    | 16,000            | 46,000                     | 9,000                       | 30                     | 24                    | 3      |         |                          | 27                    | \$2 00                                | 65     |
| Ice Manufacturer .....              | 7                                     | 10,000            | 5,000                      | 1,800                       | 12                     | 8                     |        |         |                          | 8                     | 3 00                                  |        |
| Candy Manufacturer .....            | 12                                    | 15,000            |                            | 3,500                       | 21                     | 6                     | 3      |         |                          | 9                     | 1 50                                  | 40     |
| Chewing Tobacco Factory .....       | 6                                     |                   |                            |                             | 20                     | 10                    | 5      | 3       |                          | 18                    | 80                                    | 40     |
| Marble and Stone Works .....        | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 24                     | 12                    |        |         |                          | 12                    | 2 25                                  |        |
| Mfr Cot'n S'ed Oil, Fertt. &c ..... | 9                                     | 100,000           | 160,000                    | 17,000                      | 50                     | 40                    |        |         |                          | 40                    | 3 00                                  |        |
| Founders and Machinists .....       | 12                                    | 10,000            | 20,000                     | 5,000                       | 20                     | 17                    |        | 4       |                          | 21                    | 1 50                                  |        |
| Manufacturers of Clothing .....     | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             |                        | 1                     | 8      |         |                          | 9                     |                                       |        |
| Founders and Machinists .....       | 12                                    |                   |                            | 10,000                      | 36                     | 24                    |        |         |                          | 24                    | 2 00                                  |        |
| Printers and Binders .....          | 12                                    | 25,000            |                            | 17,000                      | 60                     | 22                    | 11     | 9       |                          | 42                    | 2 33                                  | 75     |
| Water Works Co .....                | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 250                    | 20                    |        |         |                          | 20                    | 3 50                                  |        |
| Build'rs, Sash & Blinds, &c .....   | 12                                    |                   |                            | 11,000                      | 50                     | 30                    |        | 3       | 1                        | 34                    | 1 75                                  |        |
| Harness and Saddlery .....          | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 11                     | 10                    |        |         |                          | 10                    | 2 00                                  |        |
| Workers of Marble, &c .....         | 7                                     | 4,000             |                            |                             | 14                     | 12                    |        | 1       |                          | 13                    | 2 50                                  |        |
| Manufacturers of Clothing .....     | 11                                    |                   |                            | 17,230                      | 80                     | 15                    | 60     | 1       |                          | 76                    | 2 22                                  | 112    |
| Car Build'r & Sash, D'ors, &c ..... | 12                                    | 50,000            | 78,000                     | 14,600                      | 74                     | 47                    |        |         |                          | 47                    | 1 80                                  |        |
| House & Ornam'tl Painter .....      | 11                                    | 600               | 5,789                      | 1,530                       | 14                     | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Wagon Maker, &c .....               | 12                                    | 500               |                            | 1,600                       |                        | 5                     |        |         |                          | 5                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Furniture Manufacturer .....        | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 15                     |                       |        |         |                          | 15                    | 1 50                                  |        |
| Plumbing Works .....                | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 2                      |                       |        |         |                          | 2                     | 3 00                                  |        |
| Newspaper Printing .....            | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 5                      |                       |        |         |                          | 5                     | 2 33                                  |        |
| Picture Frames, Shades, &c .....    | 12                                    | 5,000             |                            |                             | 1                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 2                     | 2 33                                  |        |
| Newspaper Printing .....            | 12                                    | 5,000             |                            |                             | 6                      |                       |        |         |                          | 6                     | 2 33                                  |        |
| Tin and Sheet Iron Works .....      | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 5                      |                       |        |         |                          | 5                     | 2 50                                  |        |
| R.R. Car Build'g & Repair'g .....   | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 186                    |                       |        |         |                          | 186                   | 2 25                                  |        |
| Tin and Sheet Iron Worker .....     | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 4                      |                       |        |         |                          | 4                     | 2 50                                  |        |
| Blacksmithing .....                 | 12                                    | 1,500             |                            | 1,200                       | 4                      |                       |        |         |                          | 4                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Carpenter & Wheelwright .....       | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 2                      |                       |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Brown Stone & Gran. W'ker .....     | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 1                      |                       |        |         |                          | 1                     | 2 25                                  |        |
| Wagon Maker .....                   | 12                                    | 1,000             |                            |                             | 3                      |                       |        |         |                          | 3                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Newspaper Printing .....            | 12                                    | 1,500             |                            |                             | 3                      |                       |        |         |                          | 3                     | 2 33                                  |        |
| Boot and Shoe Maker .....           | 12                                    |                   |                            |                             | 3                      |                       |        |         |                          | 3                     | job                                   |        |
| Blacksmithing .....                 | 12                                    | 800               |                            | 350                         | 2                      |                       |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Blacksmithing .....                 | 12                                    | 500               |                            |                             | 2                      |                       |        |         |                          | 2                     | 1 50                                  |        |
| Smoking Tobacco .....               | 6                                     | 2,500             |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| WARREN.                             |                                       |                   |                            |                             |                        |                       |        |         |                          |                       |                                       |        |
| Tin and Sheet Iron Worker .....     | 7                                     | 2,000             | 600                        |                             | 4                      | 1                     |        |         |                          | 1                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Brick Mason .....                   | 12                                    | 600               | 700                        | 350                         | 25                     | 2                     | 2      |         |                          | 4                     | 1 25                                  |        |
| Carpentering .....                  | 6                                     |                   |                            |                             |                        | 2                     | 1      |         |                          | 3                     | 1 00                                  |        |



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|-----------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| \$ 75                                   | \$     | \$      | \$        | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | \$10 00                           | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 25                                   | 10                                | Better.                                                 |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 75                               | 25                                      | 25                                          | 75                                            |                                      | 20                                | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         | 67                                          |                                               | 20                                   | 33                                | Better.                                                 |
| 65                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 to 12                          | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               | 100                                  | 33                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | 10                                     |           | 10 to 12                          | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | n'ne                                 | 50                                | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | n'ne                                 | n'ne                              | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 8 to 10                           | 50                               | 50                                      | 25                                          | 75                                            | 10                                   | 5                                 | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 10                                     |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      | 10                                | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      | 10                                     |           | 13 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                               |                                      | 20                                | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 10                                   |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 60                                      |        | 25      |           | 11                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 10                                          |                                               |                                      |                                   | Better.                                                 |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 15 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                               | 50                                   |                                   | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                               |                                      |                                   | Better.                                                 |
| 1 15                                    | 60     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   |                                                         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 75                                          |                                               | 10                                   |                                   | Better.                                                 |
| 95                                      | 50     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Better.                                                 |
| 90                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                   |                                                         |
| 65                                      |        | 25      |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 66                               | 33                                      | 90                                          |                                               | 16                                   |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        |                           |                                        |           | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        | 25      |           | 10                        |                           |                                        |           | 13 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      | 100                               | Better.                                                 |
| 92                                      | 50     | 30      |           | 10                        | job                       |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   |                                                         |
| 85                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 60                                          |                                               | 40                                   | 50                                | Better.                                                 |
| 1 25                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 90                                          |                                               | 10                                   | 30                                | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   |                                                         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                   |                                                         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 14 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
|                                         | 50     |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Better.                                                 |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 60                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 13 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               | 50                                   |                                   |                                                         |
| 1 00                                    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      | 50                                | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               |                                      |                                   |                                                         |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 11 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 90                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 60                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 50                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 13 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 11 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 9 00                              | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 75                                      |        | 40      |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              | 50                                      | 50                                          |                                               |                                      |                                   | Same.                                                   |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | irr'glr                   |                                        |           | 12 to 15                          | 25                               | 75                                      |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                   |                                                         |
| 40                                      |        |         |           | 13                        | irr'glr                   |                                        |           | 8 00                              | 33                               | 67                                      |                                             |                                               |                                      |                                   | Worse.                                                  |
| 50                                      |        |         |           | 12                        | day                       | 10                                     |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         |                                             | 75                                            |                                      | 25                                | Better.                                                 |





## 3—CONTINUED.

| Average daily wages paid unskilled men. |    | Women. | Youths. | Children. | No. hours for day's work. | How often are wages paid? | Per cent. increase in wages past year. | Decrease. | Average price of board per month. | Per cent. of wages paid in cash. | Per ct. in merchandise or store orders. | Per ct. adult employees who read and write. | Per ct. child'n employ's who read and write. | Per cent. of employees owning homes. | Per cent. who save part of earnings. | Is the moral and educational condition better or worse? |
|-----------------------------------------|----|--------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| ¢                                       | 40 | ¢      | ¢       | ¢         | 10                        | week                      | 10                                     |           | ¢ 8 00                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 90                                          |                                              | 10                                   |                                      | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 60 | 40     | 25      |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 4 to 7                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 67                                          | 50                                           | 5                                    | 20                                   | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 70 |        | 40      |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 50                                          | 75                                           | 5                                    | n'ne                                 | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 90 |        |         |           | 11                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 8 to 12                           | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                              |                                      |                                      | Same.                                                   |
|                                         | 70 | 50     |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     | 15                                     |           | 5 to 7                            | 60                               | 40                                      | 67                                          | 75                                           | 25                                   | 25                                   | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 75 |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         | 67                                          |                                              | n'ne                                 | 100                                  | Same                                                    |
| 1                                       | 00 |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 15 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                              | 66                                   | 100                                  | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 75 |        |         |           | 12                        | week                      |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                              |                                      |                                      |                                                         |
|                                         | 80 |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           |                                   | 100                              |                                         |                                             |                                              |                                      |                                      |                                                         |
|                                         | 50 | 35     | 30      |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 50                               | 50                                      | 10                                          |                                              | n'ne                                 | 10                                   | Same.                                                   |
|                                         |    |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 15 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                              | n'ne                                 | n'ne                                 | Same.                                                   |
|                                         | 50 |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 25                               | 75                                      |                                             |                                              | 100                                  |                                      |                                                         |
|                                         | 50 |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 to 9                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         | n'ne                                         |                                      |                                      | Same.                                                   |
|                                         | 50 |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           |                                   | 50                               | 50                                      |                                             |                                              |                                      |                                      |                                                         |
|                                         | 50 |        |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 5 to 6                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 75                                          |                                              | 100                                  | 25                                   | Same.                                                   |
|                                         |    |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                              |                                      |                                      | Better.                                                 |
| 1                                       | 00 |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10to12                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                              | 50                                   | 50                                   | Same.                                                   |
|                                         | 80 |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 10 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                              | 83                                   | 100                                  | Better.                                                 |
| 1                                       | 25 |        |         |           | 10                        | week                      |                                        |           | 12 00                             | 100                              |                                         | 80                                          |                                              | 10                                   | 10                                   | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 75 |        |         |           | 10½                       | week                      |                                        |           | 10to15                            | 100                              |                                         | 100                                         |                                              | 25                                   | 33                                   | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 50 | 30     |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 6 00                              | 100                              |                                         | 66                                          | 50                                           | 10                                   |                                      | Better.                                                 |
|                                         |    |        |         |           | 12                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 6 to 8                            | 50                               | 50                                      | 100                                         |                                              |                                      |                                      | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 50 | 28     |         |           | 10                        | day                       |                                        |           | 5 50                              | 33                               | 67                                      | 60                                          | 33                                           | 33                                   |                                      | Better.                                                 |
|                                         | 50 |        |         |           | 10                        | m'nth                     |                                        |           | 7 00                              | 50                               | 50                                      | 75                                          | 75                                           |                                      |                                      | Same.                                                   |

## VIEWS OF MECHANICAL AND OTHER EMPLOYERS.

The following are extracts from letters to the Bureau on various subjects from Mechanical and other Employers in the different counties of the State:

## ALAMANCE.

C. C. T.—This is a manufacturing town (Burlington). Employees of the factories are paid weekly in money and trade where they please, and seem to be happy and contented. They dress well, and some of them have saved money and own houses of their own.

The farmers of this county are well to do as a class, especially the tobacco planters. I cultivated one and one-fifth acres in tobacco last season, and kept a strict account of the cost, including rent of land, fertilizer and manure bought, wood for curing, cost of cultivating, hauling, marketing, allowed myself two dollars per day for all work I did, and seventy-five cents for other labor per day, and after deducting all these expenses, I had one hundred and fifteen dollars for the proceeds of the one and one-fifth acres. In 1886, the gross proceeds from three acres were two hundred and twenty-five dollars; in 1885, from three acres, four hundred and fifty dollars; in 1884, six hundred dollars; in 1883, four hundred and twenty-five dollars.

PROPRIETORS PLANING MILLS.—It is our opinion that the moral, and perhaps the financial condition of the country is better, but the educational is not. We have here about four months of public school a year, and the children improve very little. The colored people are paying a great deal more attention to education than are the whites.

We can say as to the character of our labor, that it is rather a pleasant labor, and easily got along with. We have never had a particle of trouble with our workmen. If they are not satisfied with their wages, they do not ask for more, but quietly quit. In fact, they always try to make some little excuse for leaving.

## ALEXANDER.

MANAGER BUGGY AND WAGON FACTORY.—You will see we only commenced business recently, and have built shops since we commenced; have a floor containing 2,800 square feet. Think prospects good for a large business in a year or so.

This is the terminus of the Statesville & Western R. R., and will be quite a place if we can get men to come here and go into some manufacturing business. One gentleman here is giving lots to all who agree to build three hundred dollar houses on the same. We want cotton mills, tobacco factories, planing mills, machine shops, &c. We have the finest view of the mountains that can be obtained at any point in this section, and are only six miles from All Healing Springs. A visit to this place will pay any one who contemplates starting a manufactory.

## ALLEGHANY.

CONTRACTOR.—The condition of labor is improving some in this section. We have had short crops for the past few years, and they are short at least one-third this year. The moral condition of this county is very good, and their educational condition is improving.



## ANSON.

BROWN STONE QUARRIES.—We are just developing quarries and getting them into a working condition.

The labor is of a very sorry class in this county, and is nearly all colored. Skilled labor cannot be had here, and I have to import it from the North. I can get three times the amount of work out of Northern laborers than I can out of colored laborers, and am therefore thinking seriously of importing Northern labor all through.

LUMBERING.—Labor in this section of the State is very unsteady and unreliable. I think good smart labor could do well here. I use all white labor.

We need about three or four thousand good laboring men in this county, to replace those who have gone west in the last two years.

## ASHE.

MASONRY.—The educational and moral condition of the working people is improving, and I think they are getting in a better financial condition than formerly. Things look prosperous around here now and, I believe, will continue so.

BLACKSMITH.—The moral and social condition of our employees are better, but I cannot say that their financial condition gets any better. Our free schools are open in winter for a few weeks, and are crowded while running, but are so short as not to be of much benefit. We have a very good subscription school through the summer for those who are able to pay and can spare the time.

B. & M.—The educational condition of this community is slowly improving, though very slowly. The morals, of course, will improve as the education improves.

The financial condition of this township, as well as of Ashe county, is retrograding to some extent, as this is a farming and stock-raising county, and the prices of live stock, as well as farm products, naturally tend to reduce the financial condition of all our mountain counties west of the Blue Ridge.

We have vast beds of ores, (principally iron,) but no railroad, and therefore none are sold or mined.

The social condition is as good, or better, than two years ago. We have very few colored persons in this vicinity, and no distillery or bar rooms, consequently our moral and social condition is as good, or better, than two years ago.

R. K. P.—The general condition of the county is improving. Farmers are doing a better business than ever before. The fish culture is advancing rapidly and successfully. The Ashe County Bromide Arsenic Springs are within six miles of our place (Weaver's Ford). From fifteen to twenty wagons running from the springs to depot hauling water. There are at least forty laborers employed daily to do the work about the springs, and all kept under strict discipline by the manager. Quite a number of boarders were there this summer from all parts of the United States. There were ten last year from California. There is a vast amount of iron ore and other minerals in the section of country west of the Blue Ridge. The great demand of our county is a railroad, that the world may find out what natural resources our country contains. Our county as a grass and stock growing section cannot be surpassed.

## BEAUFORT.

**LUMBER AND MILLING.**—The general system and management of our laboring hands has greatly improved for the past two years. In fact, a gradual change has been perceptible for the past four years. The majority of the men, especially the colored men, that we have in our employ, have been with us for five years, and they seem to take an interest in their work, and want to retain their places. Politics do not seem to absorb their chief interest, as formerly.

**J. B. B.**—This is an agricultural community nearly altogether. One small saw mill is running, but doing very little, while another, a better and larger one, is in process of construction.

The farming and mill hands work about on an average not more than ten hours per diem. Men's wages in the mill are seventy-five cents per day, and on the farm fifty cents per day. Women are paid thirty-five cents a day for working on the farm, and children twenty-five to thirty-five cents a day for their work.

The products of the country are corn, sweet potatoes, rice, cotton, fruit, &c.

**W. C.**—This section of our State is in much worse condition than I have ever seen it. It has been growing worse financially since 1881.

Curlew bugs, potato bugs and hog cholera are very serious drawbacks to the farmers. The state of the county is worse in every way than it has been for six years. The farmers in this section do not co-operate together in clubs or alliances.

Labor is much demoralized and very inferior, being mostly colored.

**IRON-WORKS.**—The Washington Iron Works were established here in 1884 with a very small beginning, and have steadily increased in size and capacity.

The moral and social condition of the working people of this town has wonderfully improved in the last two years, and, in consequence, their financial and educational condition has also improved. The facilities for educating the poorer class of whites is not as good as it should be, but still there seems to be some improvement.

**COACH-MAKER.**—The thing most needed by our laboring people here is something to do. The lumber interest gives employment to a great many common laborers in this section, while a great many are out of employment a part of the time.

I think we need industries of some kind established here to give employment to our skilled labor, which is almost languishing for want of something to do in their respective lines of work. We have land and material that could be utilized in giving employment to many of our laborers, and give a good return for capital invested.

**COTTON SEED OIL MILLS.**—In addition to the oil business, I employ a number of hands on steamers. The officers receive from fifty dollars to ninety dollars per month, and the crew twenty dollars per month. I also employ a number of men to discharge and load steamers, paying them fifteen to twenty cents per hour.

I am informed by the farmers that labor is about the same as heretofore—wages eight dollars and ten dollars per month, with rations. Carpenters receive one dollar and fifty cents to three dollars per day, depending on the character of the building. In this class of work there has been no change of rates for several years. As to the lumber business, it has doubled in this section in the past two years. Most



of the labor, except that done by skilled workmen, is performed by negroes, who are as a rule improvident, and spend their wages as fast as earned, still a number have provided themselves with homes, and as they can live on small wages, there is no suffering among them in this section. All that will work can find employment, though however, there is a considerable number of them, especially the young women, who have no visible means of support. The colored schools seem to be well attended. Upon the whole, I think there is little change in the condition of the laboring class. They will work when in need, and spend their earnings for anything to gratify their whims, and let to-morrow take care of itself. House rent and provisions are very low. Some are living in their own houses and are engaged in a small grocery business; others are farming as tenants, and some own small farms.

A. P.—So far as interest in education is concerned, I think the masses are improving, but in morals I could not say that there is any improvement. Financially both races seem very much pressed. Would say that in this vicinity, as I suppose in nearly all others, there are many youths growing up in ignorance and idleness with no visible means of support.

I am truly glad that you have established a Bureau of Labor Statistics, and would say that I have answered the questions in a general way to the best of my ability, and will render any aid at any time I can to the Bureau.

SAW-MILLING.—I think that the working class of this section are as well paid as anywhere in the country. I have been in charge of men for ten years, and have always had to pay one dollar per day for good men. We have a store, but do not compel hands to trade with us, and do not give any orders, but most of them trade at our store. The most necessary things needed in this section are schools and churches.

BERTIE.

CARRIAGE MAKING AND REPAIRING.—Owing to several bad crops our people generally have not advanced financially as well as they would otherwise. A bad crop affects every other business very materially. Our educational, moral and social condition remains very much as it was two years ago. Education is rather neglected as a rule.

SAW MILL AND BUILDING.—The educational, moral and social condition of our community is, I am sure, twenty-five per cent. better than four or five years ago; but I do not think financial matters have improved in the past two years more than ten per cent.

SAW-MILLING, &C.—For the last four years we do not think our people have improved financially—except as regards the colored race; they have very much improved, morally, educationally and, to some degree, financially. All of which, we think, is due to a temperance movement among them. Two years of bad crops have had a depressing effect upon our people, as they are mostly farmers.

BUNCOMBE.

TINNER, GALVANIZED CORNICE, &C.—We have better facilities for education at present than we have had in the past. Wages are lower than last year, generally, by twenty-five per cent. Work is not as plentiful as last year. There was a savings

bank opened here on April 30th, and circulars were taken to the workingmen at their work on Saturday, soliciting them to put in the bank what they could of their earnings, and there were over two hundred dollars put in the first Saturday night between the hours of six and eight o'clock. I think a very good beginning. A good many of the mechanics are trying to own a home by paying so much monthly. We have a new cotton factory, furniture factory, ice factory, two wood working machine shops, also lumber yards; altogether employing about five hundred hands in these new enterprises. There is a small foundry and machine shop, which casts about twice a week. The morality, taking into consideration the location of Asheville and the mountainous country, I think, is above the average. There are a great many uneducated people here. There is a considerable amount of money to loan at present, at eight per cent., and still increasing. I think the social condition of the people very good. Asheville surrounded with beautiful scenery and mountain views, and is a healthy place; but the weather is very changeable. There are a great many rich visitors who come and go to and from Asheville, consequently it is building up rapidly; there are three fine hotels, built within two years—one in the place, one now nearly completed one and a half miles out, one last year five miles out.

ARCHITECT AND BUILDER.—I think that one of the greatest curses that is detrimental to the advancement and uplifting of our mechanics and laboring men is intemperance. Many and many a good skilled mechanic that I pay from three to three and a half dollars per diem could become independent, if he would not waste his money in dissipation. In my opinion, this is the great oppressor of the workingmen. This cause alone, debars a great many men from a society that would have a tendency to elevate them. Another thing that I have observed for the last ten years, is that our American, especially our Southern mechanics, cause no trouble with the people; it is invariable the foreigner that gets up the broils. Colleges for the instruction and advancement of mechanics in the South is another thing that would advance our workingmen.

PLAIN AND ORNAMENTAL PLASTERING.—I can simply say that the educational, financial and moral condition, so far as I am able to judge, is not what it is among working people in other places where I have worked, but is on the upgrade. The educational facilities for working people have been very poor until within the last twelve months. We now have free schools both for white and colored children.

BROOM MANUFACTURER.—Though in a well-wooded section of the State, I am still compelled to buy my handles and broom corn from the North and West. Broom corn grows to perfection in this State, but few attempt its culture; reason unknown. It should average to the farmer from thirty to fifty dollars per acre, with less care than corn, cotton or tobacco. Although the cry is "home industries," &c., merchants, as a rule, prefer to buy the product from without the State. For its second year, this, the only broom factory, so far as is known in the State, is progressing slowly, but has come to stay.

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER.—Work is scarcer than for five years in our city. I have been in the painting business three years in this city. Land is held at such enormous rates, that a journeyman cannot pay for a lot to build on at the wages



received. Rent has increased and taxes have increased in the last year. You cannot rent a two-room house in one mile of the court-house for less than five dollars per month, and wood costs you two dollars and a half per cord and coal five dollars per ton in advance. So you see that a man working at seventy-five cents per day, and only averaging about twenty days per month, cannot save anything. If he can live at all, he does well.

PAINTER AND PAPER HANGER.—It seems to us that workingmen could do much better if it was not for whisky. Some of our men whom we pay two dollars per day do not keep out of debt; they spend their money Saturday nights and Sundays. We are workers ourselves.

MANUFACTURER OF HARNESS, SADDLES, &c.—We think the educational and moral condition of our employees is improving. We think more attention is given to educational matters by the negroes than by the whites—that is, among the class who work daily for their living. The demand for skilled labor is constantly increasing. However, in regard to our particular business, there are more workmen out of employment now than last year this time, owing, we think, to the restriction of (wholesale) trade caused by the quarantine regulations. This section and Knoxville, Tenn., supplies South Carolina, Georgia and a part of Florida with the greater part of their harness and saddle goods.

J. C. C.—I think it needless for the working class to ask for anything better than they are getting, so long as that monster, *greed*, has the capitalists at will. I will say, that in this county there is not that consideration paid to the working class that should be.

#### BRUNSWICK.

BLACKSMITH AND CARPENTER.—Our free schools are not what they should be, and not well attended. We need some some live, energetic men in our town to wake things up.

T. L.—We had a bad crop last year, but our prospect is better this spring. We have from two to four months free school, and they are well attended. As a general thing our people are poorer now than they were three years ago, though white and black are working harder.

#### \* BURKE.

SAW-MILLING.—The lumber business has almost absorbed everything else on the lines of the railroad; all the floating labor have quit the farm, and gone to the saw and shingle mills. The owners of those enterprises can scarcely live. As all the lumber in close proximity to the railroad will soon be exhausted.

#### CABARRUS.

SPOKES, HANDLES AND SHUTTLE-BLOCKS.—Owing to scarcity of timber, I have not been able to carry on my business more than half the time during the past year.

In regard to the financial condition of this section, it is growing worse, owing to bad seasons for the past few years. Nor are the farmers thriving as they should. This being a cotton county, in my estimation, only makes it worse. The farmers

plant nothing to eat, and depend entirely on a mortgage they give in January to the merchant to run them, until they have planted, raised, gathered and hauled their crop of cotton in to him. They moved their smoke houses to Baltimore several years ago, and will, in a few years, unless there is a great change, have their cribs and granaries out west. Another great drawback is, that labor cannot be depended on in the country. Wages are very low, and the laborer who wants to work cannot afford to do it at the prices paid. The best colored labor have the emigrant fever, and are moving to California. In and around our town the financial condition of the laborer is good. We have two cotton mills here, both of which employ a large number of hands, who, as a general thing, live well. The employees are well cared for, and provided with comfortable cottage houses, gardens, &c. Each mill has for the children of its workmen a good Sunday-School, carried on by the Superintendent.

CARPENTER.—The educational condition of the working people of this section, I think, moves at a slow but steady pace. The moral condition fluctuates with the amount of ardent spirits used. The financial condition of the laboring class, I fear, is steadily growing worse. Of the unskilled labor (hireling), few live within their income. Of skilled laborers, few are able to live comfortably, educate their children and be useful in the community.

Socially, I think a man stands on his merits. If he is upright and dignified he commands respect. The chief hindrance to sociality with the laboring class, I think, is want of intelligence on their part. It is next to impossible to improve them.

#### CALDWELL.

SHOE-MAKING, TIN-WORK AND CANNING.—Our people, both white and colored, are certainly giving more attention to the education of their children, and, as a natural consequence, are improving in their moral and intellectual condition, while there is some progress in a financial way.

I am sorry to say not much is being done here yet in the manufacturing line, but am free to say that I think there is abundant opportunity here, and in our county, for manufacturing of many kinds. I am persuaded that we need most in this county something to bring us money. We are all the time sending out money, and have but little to bring it back again.

I have commenced a small canning business here, which is rather an experiment, and am working but few hands.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR.—The moral standing of all my employees is good—men of sober habits, and all have a fair education.

CUTTING LUMBER.—I do not run my mill regularly, and when I do run I generally pick good hands that I know I can rely on. We have less trouble in settling with hands who can both read and write.

#### CAMDEN.

LUMBERING.—The great trouble with ordinary hands is that they will not work steadily and continuously. If they are paid any cash, they are done working till that is spent. They will only work as their hunger compels them to. At the same time, those who do work seem to be no better off than those who do not.



They can live on nothing, or spend a fortune. Our experience is that they work better and more continuously on small wages than they do on large wages. As laborers, and while working, I think they give fair service.

These remarks apply to both white and colored laborers. I work both colors, and they seem to work together harmoniously.

GINNING.—The educational and moral condition of working people about the same; financial condition worse. As a general thing, people are not so well off as they were two years ago.

#### CARTERET.

FISH OIL AND SCRAP.—We furnish boats and nets to twenty-five men outside of our factory, who fish for us on shares. We pay them a stipulated price for fish. Their wages average twenty-five dollars per month for eight months. We pay factory hands fifteen dollars to twenty-five dollars per month, and board.

MILLING.—The educational condition is some better, in consequence of the necessary association of various kinds of labor, the more intelligent naturally imparting information to the less intelligent, but the intellectual status is still low, as the "free school" is mainly depended upon, and the funds for this purpose are entirely inadequate for the necessary school, only securing about thirty to forty days in a year. Hence, the chief source of *improvement* is the advantage of association and the general dissemination of knowledge through newspapers, &c.

We have generally very moral and sober people. The excessive use of liquor has greatly decreased within the last four years.

In a financial point of view, the people are rather strained, in consequence of several poor crops; last year's crop being almost a total failure.

The social condition of our people is good. No interruption from labor troubles, &c.

What we need is *more* capital, to develop our natural resources, which are abundant, and more school facilities.

STEAM-MILLING, &c.—I regret that I am unable to answer you fully. I am really in a position to judge of labor and its benefits, as I am manager of our mill, and have considerable other work both on farms and in the woods.

Labor is very poor and trifling, and its results will not even justify fifty cents a day for men. The hands feed themselves at from ten to fifteen cents a day. There are some dredge boats at work here, employing about twenty to thirty men, most of whom get one dollar to one dollar and twenty-five cents, and up to two dollars per day.

SAW-MILLING.—At mill work we pay seventy-five cents to eighty-five cents per day for hands. On the farm, prices range from fifteen to fifty cents per day, owing to age and skill. On the coast, where clams, oysters and fish are easily taken, labor is much less efficient than in the interior. Getting their bread, they can get fish, &c., to do for meat, and, operated upon by the humid and sleepy atmosphere, there is neither the disposition nor the energy to lay up money. While they live well as most laborers, and seem happy, this indisposition to steady, hard work tells powerfully upon the community in a business point of view, and though surrounded by superior natural advantages, our people will never grow wealthy on this account—lack of energetic labor.

## CASWELL.

**SAW-MILL.**—I do not run a regular business on account of not getting sales for my work. When there is demand for lumber I run my machinery, and when orders are filled, I have to close for fresh orders. I live sixteen miles from any railroad, and cannot make it pay to haul lumber to the depot, consequently I do a great deal of farming to make a living.

## CATAWBA.

**J. W. B.**—I am a poor man, with a homestead of one hundred and eighty acres of land. The most of my time I work at the mason business, which brings me an income of one dollar and fifty cents and board per day, which, added to the income of the farm, makes about eight hundred dollars per year. We must live out of that, which gives us a gain of about two hundred dollars per year, besides the improvement made on the farm, which cannot be well estimated.

As for education I have but little, but my children are very well advanced for people of our standing. In our locality the last two years education has improved considerably. Education is the cry of the day now, very near all of the rising generation from fourteen up can read and write through our section of country.

**CARRIAGE-MAKER.**—I run a small business of my own, but do not work any hands. Work is plentiful, but prices low, that is on account of the mechanics not being organized; they are cutting prices so that there is no money made at the business, and this Northern work is so low that we cannot compete with it. If we can get our people to encourage home industry, my business will be a paying business again. We have good schools in this vicinity eight months in the year.

**LUMBER AND FLOUR MILLS.**—The lumber trade is pretty good. Prices are low, but indications point to an increase in the prices. The mills are all kept busy to supply the demand. A great portion of the products of the mills in this county are shipped west of the Blue Ridge, while a large quantity is shipped South and East. I employ altogether white labor. My average monthly shipments amount to six hundred dollars, while the local trade amounts to one hundred and fifty dollars per month.

My employees are generally young men, who have no families. Those that have families live in tenant houses. I have had but few accidents among hands; never had a man killed or badly crippled by any of my machinery.

**JOB AND NEWSPAPER PRINTING.**—The educational condition of our people is improving. The moral is improving where the whisky traffic does not hinder it. The same must be said of the financial and social condition of our people.

**CIGAR MANUFACTURER.**—Besides the cigar manufacturing business, the writer is interested in another manufacturing enterprise of this place, that of a plug and smoking tobacco manufactory in which all colored labor is employed. This class of laborers have improved very materially in the past few years in this section, both educationally and morally, but financially this class here, like in most all other sections, do not improve much as a class, but let every day provide for itself, yet they seem to be satisfied and have all they desire. Have but little, want but little, and never expect to have any more.



## CHATHAM.

W. G. L.—I have answered your questions to the best of my judgment. You may think strange of my labor bill being so small, the reason is, I have several children, and they help me in my work. This is a quiet, peaceable neighborhood, and white and colored generally make support at home. There is remarkably few mortgages given at this time in this neighborhood. The colored race is sober, peaceable and hard working and honest, or generally so. The farming class are making a powerful effort to better their condition and, I think, will succeed so to do; they are tired of being the bottom rail. Any information that I may be able to furnish at any time, I will be pleased to do. Wish you success in your work.

## CHEROKEE.

LUMBER AND GRAIN MILLING.—We have just got the Memphis and Northern Georgia Railroad completed to this place (Murphy), and there are many improvements just started in this vicinity that are bound to be of great good to this section. The working classes of this immediate vicinity are nearly all white; but few colored. Nearly all can read and write. This county has just commenced developing. It is destined to be the best and wealthiest portion of North Carolina.

G. M. B.—I am a new comer to this portion, and know but little about labor here yet. Arrived here September, 1887, and bought at first one-half acre, with a three-room house. Commenced in the town of Murphy, and have added two-rooms to said house and completed it. Now I am commencing to add a six-room ell to the same house. In October, 1887, I bought fifty-three acres in the city limits, and last month I bought one business lot. I am now preparing to build a three-story brick business house—twenty-five by seventy feet, and several frame cottages—from four to six rooms each. Shall invest from six to ten thousand dollars in this enterprise, consequently will employ a good deal of skilled labor.

The educational, moral and financial condition of wage workers, ordinary labor, is below par; skilled laborers are also financially bad off, somewhat a little better off in education, and good deal better morally.

## CHOWAN.

SAW AND PLANING MILLS.—We have recently located here, and are now engaged in building a large saw-mill, eight driers and planing-mill. Know very little about the men employed, but hope to be able to answer all your questions another year.

## CLAY.

SAW-MILLING.—The educational interests of the people of this section is better this year than last, and their moral and social condition twenty per cent. better. The demand for labor has increased twenty-five per cent. The financial condition of the working class is about the same as it was last year. The laboring class are hopeful as to the future, believing that better prices will be paid for work.

There has been considerable immigration to this county for the last two years. The mining and timber industries will, in the near future, give employment to more hands, at an advance in wages. The working class here are generally out of debt and are making plenty. They are better prepared for a financial pressure than any other class here.

## CLEVELAND.

**BUILDER.**—I am anxious for a system of working hours, say ten hours per day on an average—eleven in summer and nine in winter. Could not such be established by the Legislature? Wish you much success in your work.

**WAGON & BUGGY.**—I believe the working people in this section are on a higher plane. They are trying to save more money now than in the past, and many of them, who never did so before, are now sending their children to school.

**SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS.**—Owing to general stringency of the times, and sharpness in competition, but few manufacturing establishments in wood-working industries are remunerative, and employers in such work are not prepared to give much attention to the moral or educational status of their employees. It is all they can do to pay sufficient wages to support them and their families. My observation has not been sufficiently extensive to enable me to remark upon the moral, educational or financial condition of the laboring people of this section as compared with any past period.

**FOUNDRY AND MACHINE SHOPS.**—I am running a general repair shop. My work is repairing mills, stoves or anything in the iron line. I make five sizes of sorghum mills, and last year made fifteen or eighteen. I manufacture one of the best plows that has ever run in this and adjoining counties—I make forty or fifty a year; and I manufacture repairs for cooking stoves, and find it a good paying business both for myself and the people that have their stoves repaired. I have two good lathes for iron, good iron drill press, good engine, shop one hundred feet long, thirty feet wide, and have been here over seventeen years. In fifteen feet of my shop a firm put up a shop last year and are doing a good business repairing and building wagons and buggies, making castings sometimes, and are working three hands—one woodworkman, one helper and one man that is a moulder, machinist and blacksmith. I served my time at the moulder's trade, and afterwards at the machinist's trade. My son is an iron moulder—my father was a worker in iron in all its departments, from the ore in the mine to its manufacture into useful articles.

This part of North Carolina is improving very fast; the people are looking up and are doing much better than a few years ago—in churches, schools, society and farms, and, in fact, in every way they can. A part of the colored element, I don't think, have improved much, and will not until we get prohibition, then we will have as good a town as can be found.

**MANUFACTURER OF SHINGLES.**—The educational condition of the laboring people is on rising ground, though it falls short of what it should be. The morals of all classes are growing better, but is hindered considerably by drink. Whisky and ignorance is the curse of this country.

**MANUFACTURING LUMBER, &C.**—The main part of the laboring class in this section are engaged in agriculture. The educational condition of those engaged in manufacturing is not by far what it should be, while farm labor is in a still worse condition. Ignorance is the great curse of this section among the laboring class. The morals are improving greatly.

**TANNING, &C.**—Our tannery is carried on in connection with other business, and in such a way that it is impossible to get at the "total product for the year." We



find the business profitable, and our employees contented. They are all industrious, economical and sober. We will employ none but *sober* men. To the two married men employed, who have no homes of their own, we furnish houses to live in for which no rent is charged. If house rent were added to "amount paid for labor," it would considerably increase "average daily wages paid for skilled labor." These men came to us two years ago in debt—they have got about out of debt, and have lived very comfortably. We pay our employees all cash if they desire it. We have a store and sell them goods strictly at cash prices—as low as to any other customer. The educational, moral, social and financial condition of the working people in our vicinity is, perhaps, considerably above the average. The virtuous and deserving are admitted into our best society. Though wages seem low, the cost of living is very cheap, and the industrious and economical manage to live very well. Much better and easier than many of the small farmers.

## COLUMBUS.

NAVAL STORES.—I came to this section eight years ago, and can say that there has been a great improvement in morality and advancement in education since then. About two thirds of the white race can read and write; and I am satisfied that one half of the colored children can. I think that the colored race are making more advancement in education than the whites, but they are not, generally speaking, very industrious, and make slow progress in accumulating anything. I think the free school system has done good in this section.

T. H. P.—In regard to the educational, moral and social condition of the laboring class, I consider that there may be some improvement; but financially, I consider their condition worse—owing to bad crops, or rather short crops, which have been the means of bringing about a dependence upon the merchant for supplies, which are only furnished by the merchant upon liens, mortgages, bills of sale, &c., upon the crop, stock, or lands of their customer, and that, too, at an immense per cent. of profit which, doubtless, is bringing want and ruin upon all who are laboring under the above difficulties.

## CRAVEN.

MANUFACTURER OF LUMBER.—I have been in this State twenty years, the 20th of this month. I have worked these people for nineteen years, and think I know them pretty well. I find that the old slaves are very much the best help, and the most reliable.

Most of those that are grown and coming up are of very little account, and there are but a very few of them that will ever have anything, either property or education that will cost them any effort to get it. As regards morals they are bad.

SAW-MILLING.—Most of the population in this section are colored, and most of them have homes of their own, and can read and write, especially the young set. There are several churches in the vicinity for colored people, but none near here for whites. We have school about one-third of each year. Owing to the present demand for timber, all working people can find ready employment at the several saw-mills and at pretty fair prices, which enables most of them to run their farms without giving mortgages.

I have only been here now two years, but am informed by old settlers that the morals are much better than they were a few years ago.

## CUMBERLAND.

GENERAL PRINTING.—Thanks to a determined effort on the part of leading Knights of Labor, for the moral and educational condition of the working people here is considerably better than a year ago. There is very little improvement otherwise.

MERCHANDISE AND MILLING.—My hands are all paid cash. Sometimes they trade with me and sometimes with others, as they choose. I do all my business on the cash system and find it better for me as well as my employees. I have no trouble to command laborers, for they know they will get the cash, and that is what they want. I am the only one in this locality of traders who run the cash system entirely. Most all run mortgages, pay off in orders, &c.

## DAVIE.

BRICK WORK AND PLASTERING.—I have been a little slow in answering, as I have been very busy for the first time in a long time. At present, business of all kinds seem to be booming somewhat in this community. As to the educational advantages, it is good, and, I think, the interest taken is above the average. This (Farmington) neighborhood is noted for morality—but we are not all saints. Financially, about as elsewhere. Social relations, good.

SAW-MILL, &c.—Educationally the laboring classes are rather at low ebb; send to no school except the short free school in winter and not regularly to that. I think, however, there is some improvement. Their morals remain about the same, generally quiet and peaceable, but do not avail themselves of the opportunities afforded them, such as church privileges, Sunday schools, &c., as they might. Financially, manage to keep up.

## DAVIDSON.

STEAM-MILLS AND SHINGLE WORKS.—The laboring classes are in a better condition financially than they were last year. Provisions are generally plentiful. The greatest drawback to the laboring classes in this country is the need of a good business education. If there could be a free school four and a half or five months per year, and that made compulsory, the farmer's sons and daughters would be educated. As it is, only three months are had, and that does not accomplish much. Of course there is good and sufficient schools in the towns and cities, and near the high schools in the country, but in a sparsely settled country like North Carolina, there are at least three-fifths of the laboring and producing classes who do not live in those favored places. Consequently, under the present system, improvement is very slow, and the moral and social advancement correspondingly slow.

NEWSPAPER AND JOB PRINTING.—During a large part of last year I had three printers employed; and during several months, had a workman whom I paid ten dollars a week. I have one printer now, a young man, who has not mastered the trade, and a boy who has worked at the business less than a year. I do a great deal of job printing myself, but my labor is paid in profits, not wages. My reply in regard to wages paid for ordinary labor refers to what I pay a man who works my hand-press occasionally, when the printers are too busy to do it.

Workingmen in this town are as intelligent as the average of their class, and nearly all seem to be in comfortable circumstances. Send their children to school.



Educational interests are looking up, not only in town, but in all the surrounding country.

#### DURHAM.

Fresco and Ornamental Painting.—I regard the moral condition of the journeymen whom I employ as gradually improving, although, I think, a higher per cent. of dissipation prevails among the journeymen in my trade than any other. A higher or better standard of work is being brought about in my business.

Painting.—Our condition is bad, owing to small wages and scarcity of work. I truly hope your statistical report, (if shown up elsewhere as here,) may be a medium by which our financial condition may be bettered. We have no system regulating work in our town, only at the discretion of the capitalist. We are willing to work if we can only get it to do, and get pay for it, even at the present wages. We are idle about one third of our time.

Marble Works.—We think the business in which we are engaged, so far as the mechanics are concerned, is much better than two years ago. The shops are run almost exclusively by workmen who have served a term of years as apprentices. Mechanics can all read and write. Have never seen a negro marble cutter; would not learn one the trade—only polishing. The demand for monumental work is on the increase.

House Painting.—There is a large per cent. of ignorance among the working people; but I think the majority are taking advantage of our good free school and endeavoring to educate their children. There are some that take no interest whatever in education and put their children at work rather than send them to school.

The moral condition of the working people here is very good, or will compare favorably with any other section.

Their financial condition is not so good on account of low wages. In general the majority live from hand to mouth, and those that can get credit are in debt from one year's end to another. An increase of wages is very much needed in this section, but we cannot hope for it so long as there is such a large quantity of surplus labor. They seem to be contented socially, in fact they are in very good condition socially, that is, among their own class.

Saddle and Harness Making.—Very great want of night schools for adult laborers; many children, both male and female, are deprived of day schools by being unable to attend, having to labor in the day for a support. There is a great tendency to decrease wages generally for labor. This is no doubt the fault of employees as well as employers. This being a new and enterprising town, people flock here from every section without inquiry as to labor, or what they will be able to get in the way of wages, and hence are driven to the necessity of cutting in wages in order to get employment at all.

Building Contractors.—Most of our employees, especially brick layers and hod carriers, are negroes, and spend their wages just about as fast as they are paid. We don't know of more than two or three of our workmen who own their homes, and consequently we are led to believe that they are the only ones who save their earnings.

## DUPLIN.

MILLING.—The working people of our community send their children to free school a very small portion of the time. They say they cannot feed and clothe them well enough to go to school; they are getting very little education. Their morals are good as they most all attend Sunday school, and are learned something there. They are mostly poor, but manage to keep enough to eat and wear by giving mortgages on their crops, which, I think, is the greatest drawback they have as they have to pay so large a per cent. They have very little social advantages, as they work during the week all day, and are glad to sleep at night, except in winter, when they can visit some; they do most of their visiting on Sunday.

MILLING, &C.—Colored adult laborers have, or a large portion of them, gone South to work on turpentine farms—making labor more scarce than two years ago—leaving their wives and children to work and live as best they can, and they make scant living; they live principally on rented land, tended, as a general thing, very unsatisfactorily to the landlords. White laborers are in better circumstances, because the heads of families remain at home and care for them; they have fair credit, and are generally good farmers. Schools for both white and colored are kept from two to four months in the year. Colored children go to school more regularly than whites, but live much harder.

MILLING, &C.—The educational condition, I think, is somewhat better, particularly with the colored people. There are a good many colored teachers that get second-class certificates to teach the common schools, and many colored people have, by work and economy, got good homes of their own, and are looking up, while I do not think the whites are doing so well according to their chance. The moral condition of our county is very good, and the financial condition, I think, is some better, as there are very few mortgages ever foreclosed.

MILLING.—As to education there is very little interest taken. The laboring class try to send while the public funds last, and then they stop. We get on an average about one dollar to the scholar, and then the board of education appropriates enough to make two months' school in the year. The morals of the people are very good as to the majority—some few exceptions. Financially, in debt and without credit; mortgaged in many instances until they have nothing to mortgage.

BLACKSMITHING.—I am a mechanic. I also run a wood and blacksmith shop. I am the only mechanic in this section that gets one dollar and fifty cents per day, and I have to take it in anything that I can use. Mechanics gets from seventy-five cents to one dollar and fifty cents per day.

A one-room log or frame house rents from one to two dollars per month. Poor people pay from fifty to one hundred per cent. for what they use, let it be rations or any this else that they may buy on time.

Moneyed-men have brought about a great deal more oppression upon laboring men than the tariff has, and put both together and the country gets worse every day. If you can take off home tariff and this government tariff you will see a people come up quickly.

## EDGEcombe.

BUILDERS.—The common school education is poor. There are but few white mechanics in this immediate section. The financial condition is good, as far as



the laboring class is concerned; they receive enough for their work to live well, if they would take care of it, which they don't do. The moral condition is bad. House rent is high, and wages not sufficient for white mechanics to get along well. The colored race is much preferred for work, because they work at much lower rates—about half.

**BUILDING CONTRACTOR.**—The facilities for the education of the working people are far ahead of those a few years ago, viz.: in good teachers, convenient and accommodating school houses, likewise ample and sufficient funds. These three advantages alone are the main cause of our improvement financially and morally.

**CARRIAGE-MAKER.**—I opened the carriage and wagon manufacturing business January, 1886, and I had many difficulties to labor under. I was an employee and opened for myself with a capital of one hundred and fifty dollars only. By hard labor and close attention to business, I am gradually increasing my business. I am quite certain the outlook is good for my trade in the future. People, generally, seem more inclined to buy home-made work and first-class work at that. The Northern work has a much smaller sale than formerly.

The people are gradually getting used to the public school system, and in time it will succeed here. The larger portion of our laboring class and skilled labor also show a disposition to be saving and temperate, and generally contented.

**NEWSPAPER PRINTING.**—For ordinary labor in this county—farm hands—the time for work is from “sun to sun,” i. e., from sunrise to its setting. There are no store orders given—that is to say, none are forced upon the employees. Wages average, for men, about nine dollars per month; for women, slightly over half this amount, and are paid monthly. Farm labor is generally employed for eight months. When the cotton picking season begins, nearly all pick by the hundred pounds. The large amount which the laborer can make in the few days when the cotton is well opened, is too tempting to resist, though more would be made by working by the month during the entire year.

#### FORSYTH.

**PRINTERS.**—The status of the colored employees, as a rule, is at a low ebb morally, educationally and financially. The white workers, as a rule, are sober and tolerably well informed. There are about five thousand laboring people in Winston. Average daily wages are reasonably low.

**WAGON MANUFACTURERS.**—Last year was an unusually light year with us, did not do as much work or run as many hands. Have been in the business five years, first year made three hundred wagons; second year, four hundred; third year, five hundred; fourth year, six hundred, and fifth year, or last, three hundred. Number of hands worked in proportion to amount of work turned out.

**PAINTING.**—As regards the educational, financial and moral condition of the masses of the laboring class, I would say, as to education, it is very inferior; financially, the laboring class are in worse circumstances now than they were two years ago, and are growing worse all the time; morally, they are no better. In fact, the laboring class of people here are not treated, in many instances, as they should be.

WAGON MANUFACTURERS.—Our report would be the same as last year except that we have sold more work during last six months than ever in same length of time.

NEWSPAPER PRINTER.—Printers, as a rule, in this community are the most sober and intelligent craftsmen of my acquaintance. Living is very cheap, wages are fair, and they are a moral, well behaved, contented set of men. They have never "struck." On the contrary, they all like their employers personally, and it is very rare that a printer changes from one office to another. There are men in this office who came into it as boys, earning at first only fifty cents per week, who are now getting eight dollars per week and own their own home, saved from wages.

MARBLE WORKS.—Educational facilities here are good for both races. Morals fair. Financially embarrassed. Socially, there is no complaint.

BUGGY AND CARRIAGE.—The greatest trouble we have with our employees is the use of spirituous liquors, it is used to an excess by most of the mechanics we can hire.

FRANKLIN.

MILLING, &C.—My opinion is, that the interest of the laboring class in education is on the progressive order. Morals improving. In a financial point, take the working class as a whole, I think they are making slow, but sure strides to prosperity. The working people of this community are divided into white and black. Society is divided by the same line.

MILLING, &C.—We are close here to two large schools for the colored people (we employ them principally), and have good opportunities to judge of the benefits of education to that race. We find that for the first year or two after a course in school, they are hardly as good hands, but after being out of school that length of time we much prefer one that has some education. Education among the white people is sadly neglected. Public schools in this county worth but little. Very few private schools in the county. Generally speaking the financial condition of this section is better than since the war.

GASTON.

MILLING.—There is more attention being paid to education than ever before. The financial condition is somewhat on a decline at present.

MILLING.—We think education among the working people of our community is not near so good as it might be. Morals are very good; financially something better than for the last few years; socially very good, but might be much better.

W. R.—Average farm hands get forty to sixty cents per day and board; distillers get one dollar per day; on public works, higher wages are paid to the workman, prices ranging from fifteen dollars per month to thirty dollars per month. The laborer gets a fair share of all profits, and is rapidly gaining on property holders in education, &c. The farm labor consists mostly of negroes, and their educational and moral standing is improving wonderfully.

Any man or woman in this section who desires employment can get it at any time of the year, and at very good prices. There are more hands employed in running government distilleries in this county than at any other work. On an average, every twentieth man runs a still.



## GRANVILLE.

PRINTING.—So far as the condition of labor is concerned, in this section, it is as good or better than ever before. No person is idle from necessity, and all who are disposed to economize can lay up something for “a rainy day.” The common farm hand receives ten dollars per month, on an average, and board, a house to live in, a garden spot, fire wood, a pasture for cow, &c., which is equal to one dollar per day.

## GUILFORD.

BUILDER AND CONTRACTOR.—We discharge dissolute and inefficient men and keep the best. Wages are low for skilled labor; but the skilled labor, so-called, is very inferior, except it be imported from other States and countries. My best men have been obtained outside of North Carolina, and command higher prices, viz.: two dollars to two dollars and fifty cents per day. The colored man competes with the white man, and on all common buildings he is largely employed, tending to keep wages down; but for really good work, the negro and the white native are both alike incompetent from a lack of training in the first elements needful to make a good mechanic.

PLAID MILLS.—As to the moral condition, there is an improvement in our old hands, but owing to a floating population that constitutes a part of all factory help, it is difficult to show much average improvement. Some months, perhaps, the help will be entirely free from dissipation; then, in other months, another set will be in that will change this feature. We make considerable effort towards elevating our help for two reasons: one is that we discharge our duty to our fellow man; and another, it is a matter of dollars and cents to us. The higher the grade of morals, the more hands are worth to any business.

PRINTER AND PUBLISHER.—I have only been in business for myself about seven months, and could not give you a fair report, as I had to work up a trade, and, of course, business has not been as good with me as if I was running an old established house. I am very well satisfied with my trade so far—it is gradually increasing. I work three boys regularly—two on newspaper work and one on job work—besides myself, and frequently have to put on extra force. Wages, I consider, are very low in this place, and I intend to voluntarily increase them in my office as soon as business will justify it.

## HALIFAX.

SAW-MILLING.—My labor is well paid and are satisfied. At my mill I have the cash system, and pay off every Saturday, at 6 o'clock P. M. I do not give any orders, unless for cash; when during the month, before settling day, I may not have change.

In my opinion, labor is well treated and well paid in this section. Any poor man with industry and sobriety, and not extravagant, can become rich in a lifetime.

CARRIAGES, WAGONS, &c.—Monopolists are swallowing the shops all over these United States. There is a time coming, and that soon, when, if there is not a check to trust gangs and monopolists, the poor white men and free negroes will be worse oppressed than the peasantry of Ireland or the serfs of Russia. Mechanics

hardly have any showing now, and the farmers are mortgaged from Maine to Texas, with but little or no chance of getting out, except by being closed out; so that it may almost be safely said that the Landlord system of Ireland exists here in this country.

S. S. N.—Farm lands in this section are held at about five dollars per acre. Corn, cotton, wheat, oats, tobacco, potatoes, peas, beans, peanuts, rye and almost every product of the State raised here with ease. The working class is mostly colored people, and they have good schools and churches, seem anxious to improve both mentally and morally. Their financial condition is poor, as they spend most of their wages in fine clothes, &c. They are quiet and unobtrusive, as a general thing, and seem more inclined to remain in one place than formerly. Some have farms of their own, and have their stocks around them on lands bought and some rented.

J. A. H.—Weldon is at the head of steamboat navigation and at the terminus of five railroads, while it is said three more railroads will take in this point. Wages are high, as most laborers are in the railroad service. This is also as good farming section as there is in the State. Weldon is the best place I know for any kind of wholesale business, and an intelligent person, surveying the surrounding section will be surprised at the vast resources to be found.

MILLING, &C.—While there is an evident improvement in the educational condition, consequent upon the public school facilities presented, we regret to say we can report no improvement, morally or financially. Our labor is chiefly colored, and we have found, the negro frequently very improvident in many particulars.

#### HARNETT.

MILLING.—I think one thing we most need in this county is system. Say eight hours for sleep, two for rest, ten for labor and four for mental improvement.

#### HAYWOOD.

W. W. S.—Our people are improving in moral and social qualities, also increasing in wealth, but the masses are not aroused to their duty on educational matters. Seem willing to live like their ancestors. Our new railroad enterprise will make things lively this next year. The route directly North and South through this and Transylvania county, from Knoxville, Tenn., to Greenville, S. C., opening up vast lumber and grazing and mineral lands. This will give us quite a healthy boom. Our lands are cheap and immigrants are welcome, and our people are liberal in their views towards strangers.

SAW MILLING.—I came here six years ago to work for the Mitchell Lumber Co. as second sawyer. I got crippled in their service. They paid me every cent they promised, and gave me a good recommendation. I commenced business here without one dollar. I bought a mill on time and have paid for it, and have had sickness in my family, but have made some money. I do my own sawing and am not afraid of work. In three years, I have made above expenses four thousand dollars.



## HENDERSON.

**BUILDER AND CONTRACTOR.**—The moral condition of our people has very much improved in the last two years; they are building new churches and support the ministry more liberally than ever before. There are no children in the county who have school privileges less than three months in the year, and most of the districts have school ten months. The towns and country generally are prosperous.

## HERTFORD.

**MILLING, &C.**—The financial condition of our county is not as good as we would like it to be. We have had bad crops for four years in succession, although we are still hopeful. A good crop this year would right us up wonderfully. The farmers are at work, and there are some signs of thrift.

**MR'G LUMBER.**—The educational and moral condition of our white employees seems to be gradually improving, and they seem to want to be and to do something. The blacks run pretty much in one channel.

**W. J. L.**—We are not directly interested in the employment of labor. We believe, however, from our knowledge and information gained from our business connections that the condition of the working class is far better intellectually, morally and financially than it was two years ago. The desire for a permanent home seems to be gaining ground. It affords us pleasure to be able to say a good word for our common public schools, for they are doing a good work and accomplishing much that is needed in educating the poor children of both white and black. Labor, considering everything else, is paid a fair price, ranging from eight to fifteen dollars per month for farm hands, with board thrown in. In other employments wages are higher. We have no stated number of hours for the laborer to work, but I know of no instance, I am glad to say, where mere work is required to be done than the physical forces can stand cheerfully. At our fisheries on the Albemarle Sound, the greatest amount of physical force is expended, but here the labors are borne cheerfully. The working class, with us, is a quiet and sober one, and we have no strikes or trouble with them. Farming is the chief industry. We have no manufacturing industries in the county of any moment, though we think there are good openings, however. One firm is preparing to manufacturing pine logs into timber both planed and rough. We are informed that this firm will spend here about sixty or seventy thousand dollars in their enterprise. Money finds a ready investment at eight per cent. per annum. We need capital and more working people of all honest and industrious classes. If I can be of any service let me know.

## HYDE.

**W. S. H.**—Masons get twenty-five cents per hour; good carpenters get the same, and work ten hours per day.

Our free schools are kept open about three months each year, and are generally well attended.

The laboring class does not in any way suffer from the effects of capital. It is my opinion, that it would be to the interest of the laborer of our State, if all foreign immigration to this country were entirely stopped. The reduction of the present tariff would also be a step in favor of the poor man. With the present influx of emigrants, the prospect of the poor man for better wages will, in a few

years, become very slim. I can see nothing before us but reduced wages, though the present tariff be continued, or even raised to a higher figure.

We, as a class of laborers, have really no grounds for complaint, except on the two points mentioned above. Any other information wanted, that I can furnish, will be gladly given.

WOOD AND IRON REPAIR SHOPS.—This is principally a corn raising country, although it would seem that is more than ought to be said for it at present. Owing to a succession of short crops and low prices, the farmers are a little hard pressed just now. The lands yield fair crops without manure, and as a rule, people are not as energetic and successful as they should be. There are probably as many natural advantages here as at most places, and I think the place is on the rise. Farmers are beginning to turn their attention to a variety of crops, trucking, &c.

The educational, moral, financial and social condition of the working people is fair.

F. D. M.—In regard to the condition of the laboring class of people in our county, I would say that we are sadly in need of educational advantages. Ignorance on the part of the laboring class affords many opportunities to the better educated to take advantage of them. Intemperance is another drawback to our people, and effects both classes very materially.

T. E. W.—Wages are good, but the mortgage system is ruining the laboring class. Most of the laborers rent land and pay from one third to one half for land and horses; and then go to the merchant and give a mortgage for all they cultivate, and sixty per cent. of them take it out in dressing and lose all in the fall. You cannot hire one of this class to do anything. We have been visited with several storms for two or three years in our county, but they have not served the county half so bad as this mortgage system. Twelve years ago the mortgage system commenced here. We heard nothing of hard times before. Wages are now seventy-five cents per day for common laborers on the farm, and it is with difficulty you can hire one, because he can go to the merchant and get fifteen or twenty pounds of flour on his mortgage and pay from one hundred to one hundred and fifty per cent. more than he would for the cash. If this is not stopped in this county, we are ruined.

SAW-MILLING.—I employ men in the woods as well as at the mill; sixteen hands are as many as required in the mill. I buy logs and get some out with hands that I hire. My hands live in my houses as a general thing. Some few sometimes work for me that do not live on my premises. They are not regular hands. The condition of my hands is much better. There is not any liquor sold near me. My hands are much better off; they live better, and are more attentive to their work, make better time, are doing better. While I do not think that more than three or four of them lay up any money, they are comfortably fixed up, they do not have to pay house rent, that is free, also wood and ground for a garden if they wish it. My hands do not hire for wages and board, they buy their provisions, and board themselves, which costs them about one dollar per week. They need not take goods from my store unless they choose to do so. If they trade with the store during the week it is deducted from their wages on Saturday night, and the balance paid them in cash. My hands are mostly colored hands.



## IREDELL.

FOUNDRY AND MACHINIST.—I find that almost to a man my employees are striving to improve, and I give them all the encouragement in my power. The greatest curse to our laboring class is the wine cup, but I have no trouble to keep my hands from drink, as I made a rule three years ago to discharge all persons in my employ whom I caught drinking or swearing, or had satisfactory reasons to believe indulged to any degree in either vice, and I have strictly adhered to the rule. I think the condition of the working people in this section is improving morally and socially.

MANF'G SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS.—The educational condition of our working people is about as it was one year ago. Their moral and financial condition is not near as good. Drunkenness has increased. We have five licensed saloons to tempt our workmen to spend their wages, and morally and financially ruin themselves. The social condition is no better. Labor unreliable.

## JACKSON.

LUMBER AND KAOLIN.—This company has a good backing. It commenced work on the 20th of May last, and gives promise of a bright future for the laboring class of this county. This lumber company is doing, and has done for the past two years, an immense business in the lumber trade, having shipped lumber to all principal parts not only of the State and United States, but of the world. There are others engaged in the lumber trade who do a fine business, and the future prospects for our country west of the Blue Ridge are bright in every respect. Our minerals are all soon to be utilized and worked.

Will gladly give you information at any and all times in regard to any point of interest to your department, or to the public.

LUMBER AND SAW-MILLING.—Our labor is mostly native of the mountain country. We have selected the best of them, and have a good lot of men now. We find as a rule they are all improving. All branches of labor seem to be improving. The farmers are now more energetic and improving in their mode of farming.

LUMBERING.—Education is very badly neglected. The facilities employed being very poor. No school furniture and very poor houses. Many of the young are growing up sadly deficient of even of the common branches of a scholastic education. We have an appropriation made for four months, but the money is hardly ever received, as it is applied in the more populous districts, and we have to get along with from one to two months in the fall season, commencing in August. In my opinion this matter needs a thorough investigation and something should be done to remedy the same. The financial condition about on an average with the past few years. Morals are constantly growing worse from numerous causes, many of which can be directly traced to our lax school facilities.

## JONES.

E. M. J.—We hire farm hands by the day and month, paying about eight dollars per month for men and about five dollars per month for women. I think the condition of labor is about the same that it was last year. We pay in produce and money for labor. Crops have been so poor the last few years that we farmers

have to do any way we can for the best. The Alliance movement is bringing the farmers together, and I think it will be the means of greatly benefiting them, not in pulling the merchant down, but in building up both the merchant and farmer, and in breaking down the mortgage system. If the homestead law could be done away with and the mortgage system abolished, I think the farmers would soon be in a prosperous condition, and we would have better times generally.

#### LINCOLN.

WAGON AND BUGGY SHOPS.—Education is looking up at present. The people are not much better morally, if any. I think the people in our locality are improving a little in the way of wealth. Don't think they are quite as social here as they should be.

FLOUR MILLS.—In our community and surrounding country consider the people are getting in better circumstances, that is financially speaking, more floating money than for two years past, though there is clamor for more money. Farmers are in good spirits and determined to come out ahead. Laborers get steady employment if they wish to work. We have some loafers that are a burden to themselves and a curse to the community. Have good churches and school-houses. Temperance prevails to a certain extent, and a reasonable degree of interest manifested in the way of education. Society and morals of neighborhood good.

MILLING, & C.—I am trying to run a farm, but the profits have been cut off for several years by storms and freshets, which have very much discouraged farmers living on water courses.

The moral and financial condition of the people has not materially improved.

#### MCDOWELL.

BRICK-MAKER.—Skilled labor expects pay every Saturday, but here in Marion there is no rule to go by. Each and every man goes his own way, and they make rates to suit themselves.

It is very common here for all children to read, both white and black. Good schools here for both races.

With some working men here, a large per cent. drink whiskey, but intemperance is steadily growing out of popularity, and the educational, moral and financial condition of the people is steadily growing better.

MILLWRIGHT.—Our schools are ten per cent. better than they were two years ago. We have money to employ a teacher in our district this year, and give him the rates of twenty-nine dollars and thirty-three and one-third cents a month for three months or twenty-two dollars for four months. So you see it depends on the grade of teacher we employ as to the length of time our school will run. Children are increasing in education rapidly for the last four years.

LUMBER MANUFACTURING.—Upon the subject of moral, financial, educational and social condition, I will say, that the financial and educational condition of the people in this neighborhood is no better than it was two years ago, when I first came in this neighborhood, but the moral and social condition are a great deal better than they were two years ago.



CARPENTER, &C.—We have good schools, well attended, and the children are learning very fast. By using great economy, our citizens have built school houses in most every section of the county. We also have churches all over this county.

MACON.

SAW-MILL.—There is no money here that the workingman can get hold of, but the tax collector "gets there all the same." The farmer, the laboring man and the mechanic have to take their pay in store orders and submit to whatever prices the merchant charges them.

MADISON.

MECHANIC.—The educational interest in this county is better now than two years ago, yet there is much room for improvement. The morals of the people are much better, with an upward tendency. Financially, on a stand still, if not a little lower, from failure of tobacco crop. To some extent, socially better and an upward tendency, owing to less whisky shops in certain localities; were there yet less or even none there would, in my opinion, be a greater change if not a general reformation among nearly all classes.

TINNER.—Business is good. Public schools are not good, for there are none here. Wages the same as they were twelve months ago. Tobacco crop is good. Good farm hands can get plenty farm work to do at ten dollars per month, with board and washing. Skilled workmen can get one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars per day.

MARTIN.

BUILDER.—All classes of labor in this county have gone down. The best skilled labor cannot get over two dollars per day. Building is at a stand still, and has been for a year and a half. Best farm hands get ten dollars per month and board; paid mostly in store orders. Common hands get six dollars per month and board, paid in store orders. Average monthly pay of clerks in stores, twenty-five dollars for first-class. Some work as low as fifteen dollars per month.

We work under no regular labor system here. We are filled up with so many jack-leg workmen who botch up work for half price that skilled labor cannot live in this section of the State.

PAINTING, &C.—I paint by the day when I can strike a job, and when I am out of a job of that kind, anything else I can strike in the way of work. When I paint, I get one dollar and twenty-five cents per day from sun to sun. I very often work on a farm at forty cents per day and board myself. The laboring class are getting along very badly; without a change a great many laborers will actually suffer. I really think it is already the cause of a great deal of stealing. The white and colored races have free schools three months in a year.

CYPRESS LUMBER AND SHINGLES.—The manufacture of shingles and long lumber requires no skilled labor, other than a foreman, who gets ten dollars per week. All employees are colored, with the exception of the foreman and two others.

## MECKLENBURG.

FURNITURE MANUFACTURER.—We have no trouble with our employees. They belong to no organization, and if left to themselves, we do not anticipate any trouble or dissatisfaction. We pay them all we agree to pay, aid them in getting what they require, and treat every one of them, white and black, right. Give them good advice respecting the errors and pitfalls of the times, and setting them the proper examples ourselves. Not one of them ever heard either of the proprietors use an oath or improper language of any kind. We had a few men last year who were addicted to drink, and we issued a kind but positive order against it, they violated it repeatedly, and finally we had to allow them to go, much to our regret. Now we have not one in our factory that is addicted to the habit.

We believe that all of the dissatisfaction that is caused in the establishments like ours, is the fault of some one outside, or bad treatment by the employer. We have never had a man to leave us yet, but that we counseled him to remain, and invariably he found facts just as we stated them, and came back for a job.

## MOORE.

M.—Labor in this section is not as good as it was three years ago. One reason, and the main reason is, that it cannot be controlled like it has been in the past. A great many of the colored race do not own any land, and it seems they don't want to rent land, but prefer to hire by the day and work only enough to keep soul and body together; and when hired out will do all they can to keep from earning the wages they get. But it is true that some of them have got houses and lands of their own and are trying to accomplish something, but the majority are trying to get an education and shun all the work they can. They want to be preachers, teachers, &c. While we think any honorable occupation is right and proper, we do think the farmer and mechanic should be encouraged and honored more than he is, and especially the farmer. We do not think the farming interest is improving much in this section, because the parties owning the land cannot till it all, and, under the present state of affairs, they cannot afford to hire it cultivated, for it would be a losing business, unless labor on the farm could be controlled better than it is.

LUMBER, SHINGLES AND LATHS.—The moral condition is not as good as we could wish, but I believe it is as good as an average, if not better. The financial condition is rather bad, having been brought about mostly by the credit system and the extremely high prices paid for things bought on credit. The social condition is improving.

IRON FOUNDERS AND MACHINISTS.—We think the condition of the laboring class in this vicinity, morally, financially and socially, is moving on the up grade.

## NASH.

CARRIAGE MANUFACTURERS.—We hire two boys, at seventy-five cents per day each; one boy at eighty cents per day; two men at one dollar per day, each; two men at one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, each; three men at one dollar and sixty-six cents per day, each; two men at two dollars per day, each, and one boy, a green hand, at fifty cents per day. We pay off every Saturday in cash. Our men are all doing well, we think, and are satisfied. Two own their homes,



and some of them save a little money. We have poor schools here, and need help in this line. The working people here go in good society, and do well when they will. Of course, some labor will do bad anywhere. Whiskey ruins many good mechanics.

#### NEW HANOVER.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR.—As to the education and moral status of the working people in Wilmington, my opinion is that their condition in this respect is good.

#### NORTHAMPTON.

LUMBER BUSINESS.—The financial condition of the country is not as good as it was two years ago, and from the looks of the crops at this time, I am sorry to say it will be worse.

SEC'Y GRANGE, P. OF H.—Something should be done to prevent merchants charging such high per cent. on supplies. Nearly every farmer in my locality, landlord and tenant, have to buy on time; they have to pay from twenty-five to fifty per cent.; farmers cannot live at such rates, and it should be, if possible, prevented. Negro labor, I find, best for the farm; they are, as a general thing, ignorant, and are sometimes imposed upon by farmers, and when this is the case the laborer becomes discouraged, and his labor almost worthless; though I am happy to say such cases are but few. White hired labor is generally good. Short crops of corn last year, have made labor plentiful this year, and at a more reasonable price than several years before. There has been a great falling off this year in the purchase of guanos. More bacon in the country than for any preceding year since the war.

MASONRY, &C.—Education is rapidly growing and this vicinity is fast improving, both in knowledge and wealth. We have heretofore been cut off from transportation, but are now having great prospects, as there are being several railroads built in our midst.

WAGON AND BUGGY SHOPS.—We employ no hands at all—one of us work in the blacksmith shop and the other in the wood shop, and conduct our little business within ourselves. Financially, this section is in a bad condition. The system of farming is poor and badly managed; a great deal of farming is pretended to be done by those who have no means, and they mortgage to the merchants and pay two prices for provisions to make a crop, consequently at the end of the year the merchant gets all and the farmer is still in debt to him. As long as this system continues, we are on the downward road. The moral and educational condition is improving to some extent, but not what it should do. The negroes are improving in education faster than the whites, generally—which is a sad state of things. There are a great many poor white people who do not use their opportunities to educate their children to the extent of their ability. Three successive short crops in this immediate section have put the finances in a bad condition. Any information we could give you would be cheerfully done. Wish you much success in this much needed enterprise.

## PAMLICO.

R. H. B.—This county is almost entirely an agricultural county. Some engage in milling, but there are no factories at all, except for the manufacture of pine lumber for Northern markets.

We are in a section of country well adapted to farming interests, and raise cotton, corn, oats, peas, potatoes, &c., and some wheat and rice. Our farm is situated on Bay River, fourteen miles from the mouth, which enters into Pamlico Sound. It is eighteen miles to Newbern, by the dirt road, and sixty-five miles by water. Our nearest point to the ocean is about thirty-five miles. Our lands are as fine for grasses and small grain as any in eastern North Carolina.

MILLING.—The whites do not improve much in intelligence. They read but very little, and but few are interested sufficiently to send their children to school. Their morals are good.

The colored people manifest much interest in education and religion, and improve fast in intelligence, but very slow in morals.

## PASQUOTANK.

MILLING, &C.—I am not doing a large business, as I only have a farm of one hundred acres and a steam mill of sixteen horse power. I only do custom work for the neighborhood—grinding, sawing, and ginning cotton—and being a thorough prohibitionist, I do not employ hands that are given to spend their wages for strong drink, especially to work at the mill.

GENERAL MACHINE AND WOOD SHOPS.—My employees are all white people, and I very seldom change hands; for the last two years I have not seen one of my hands intoxicated, they are all reliable persons. Business is very dull with me, owing to short crops in my immediate vicinity.

Five years ago I was burned out and only one-third covered by insurance. Have since built up more expensively than before. I now live in the shop with my family. My shop is fifty-nine feet front, fifty-five feet deep, three-story brick with a carriage elevator. I have an engine which runs my fires, lathe, power drill-press, emery grinder, &c.

Any information, you think, I can give you at any time, let me know.

## PERQUIMANS.

MILLING.—I do not think the financial condition of the laboring class has been much improved for the past year. Most of the laborers use their wages as fast as they earn them.

The morals of the laboring class are reasonably good. Very few of them own homes of their own.

MILLING, &C.—What we need is more labor for farms and a market to create a greater demand for our products than there has been for the past few years. The whole county has been embarrassed because of over production by our farmers every year since 1883. The price of corn will do now, but the present prices of other produce are owing to misfortunes of western farmers last year.



## . PERSON.

MILLING, &C.—We think the moral, social, educational and financial condition of our employees are over an average and steadily improving. Owing to the low price of tobacco for the past two years, there has been but very little margin for the employer. Tobacco being our chief money crop.

MILLING, &C.—About ninety per cent. of my hands are negroes. There is a good deal of guess work about my report, as I have no data to enable me to be exact, but the report is approximately true.

The condition of our laborers is good, and they are well satisfied. I furnish their supplies of clothing at nearly wholesale rates, thereby saving them from twenty to thirty per cent. My report would also be a fair report for our whole section. Nearly all the children of school age go to school from three to four months every year. Some make fine progress in their studies, others do not.

CARRIAGE AND UNDERTAKING.—Times are very good here, considering the financial condition of the whole country, and we would be better off than most sections if we had railroad facilities, which we hope to have in a short time, from Lynchburg to Durham.

Our educational interests receive much attention, both from whites and blacks, while the moral and financial condition of both races is good.

MANUFACTURER OF BUILDERS' MATERIAL.—We pay usually for good men in the factory, one dollar and fifty cents per day; some get as much as two dollars and twenty-five cents; a number only one dollar and a quarter, and some only one dollar. Our yard men, handling rough lumber, get one dollar and seventy-five cents per day. We encourage all our men to own their own houses, and have built for some of them, letting them pay a part of the price each week, and find the plan works well. We do not employ any drunkards, or men that swear. We pay extra for all over ten hour's work, and count out any lack of making ten hours. The prices paid for board is ten dollars per month, away from town, and that very poor.

## PITT.

L. C. T.—This is a small town (Greenville), of about 2,000 inhabitants, with no branch of business working over four or five hands, and they principally negroes. We have one foundry and two carriage shops, the foundry running about one-third of the year, possibly more, the carriage shops running throughout the year; each, when in full operation, working from four to six hands, half white and half colored.

E. G. L.—The whites are improving, both educationally and morally. Our principal labor is colored. There is no improvement among that race, morally or educationally. They are congregating about the small towns and becoming more worthless all the time. The young race is growing up in idleness and dishonesty. I think politics is having a good deal to do with all this, as they are more worthless during the hottest campaign years.

Our farmers do not seem to be very successful of late years, owing to the need of a better system of labor.

IRON AND MARBLE WORKS.—I look very carefully and often over my hands as regard the use of spirits, also to their attending divine worship—if they do not, I find out the cause, and urge them to attend. I profit by it, for I know I have a much more honest set of hands—they give me more honest time. Since I first engaged in business, I have seen a very great change, though I think it is due to the fact that I will not allow a hand to remain in my employ unless he is honest and trusty. I have a marble yard connected with my shops, and I attend it specially myself, and employ regularly two hands and sometimes more. This is a new enterprise, and bids fair to go forward among the enterprises of this section. The greatest trouble we have is to get people to meet their business promises, which produces a want of confidence, and is resulting in much harm to the poorer class of people—as all is gone when credit is gone. One of the most damaging things we have to contend with is that class of loafers, both black and white, who frequent bar rooms and gambling hells. It is there the seeds of slander, theft, highway robbery, &c., are born. If something could be done to reach this class, great good would come to the State.

POLK.

SAW MILL, &C.—This is a desirable location for a college or high school. No colleges or high schools in Polk County, but the children of the working class here, who have the benefit of the village schools, are far in advance of the average country children. Morals, generally good, taken on an average.

RANDOLPH.

SAW AND PLANING MILLS.—The educational, moral and financial condition of of this place and vicinity is much better: has improved rapidly for the past three years. There are good schools and churches here, and work for all that will work. The population has increased in two years from about twenty-five to four hundred inhabitants, and our town (Liberty) is on the onward and upward march.

MANUFACTURING COTTON WARPS, &C.—This factory employed forty hands last year. We have added about double the amount of machinery, and since the first of January last, have been furnishing employment to seventy-odd hands. We work eleven and a half hours per day, and pay wages monthly in cash. We have no store and our help are not restrained as to where they shall trade. Our employees are working very well, living comfortably, and those who are trying to do so, are laying up money. We have three churches in our village, and a school the most of the time; but regret to say that a large portion of our people are not much interested in education.

HARDWOOD LUMBER.—I run a plantation of three hundred acres and employ more or less help—some as croppers and some hired hands. I furnish croppers rations and take it out of their crop; pay my hired hands sixty cents per day, and wood and house rent; have to pay very little money—they don't expect it. The working man don't have any show in this county, and they don't seem to care for any. If they get a little ahead, they will quit work and loaf around until it is all gone. I came from the North where labor is higher, and of course it looks cheap here, but I have found out that some of it is not cheap at any price.

The laboring man's wife spends one-tenth of her husband's wages in snuff and tobacco instead of educating her children with the money.



**MANUFACTURER OF CHAIRS.**—The operatives in the different manufacturing establishments in this county appear to be well satisfied and contented. Very little moving from place to place among them. More attention is given to the education of their children than there was two years ago, and the morals are looked after by their employers. Would be glad to receive any publications that you may issue from your department.

**CARRIAGE MANUFACTURER.**—In this section of Randolph County, which is due west of Ashboro (county seat), near the Randolph and Davidson County line, education is very much needed. It is very much behind other portions of the county. There are twenty-five or thirty per cent. that cannot read nor write. Morals are not as good as they should be. The laws are not strictly enforced—a great many small crimes go unpunished. Whiskey is the trouble; if there were no whiskey, morals would be ninety per cent. better. Crop mortgages are hardly known. Nine-tenths of the families have homesteads. Products of this section of the county are corn, wheat, oats, pork, rye, potatoes, peas and nearly all kinds of vegetables.

#### RICHMOND.

**WHEELWRIGHT AND BLACKSMITH.**—I have been carrying on a good business here for four years, and my trade has increased greatly for the last two years. I find it much better to pay cash, for it gives better satisfaction to hands; they would rather have one dollar in cash, than one dollar and twenty-five cents in trade. This is one of the finest farming sections of the State, and its financial standing is unsurpassed by any other portion of the State. I think that the time is not far distant when all our people, both white and colored, will be educated, and I hope it is not far distant, for when it comes, labor will not be hard to control.

#### ROBESON.

**CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.**—Brick layers and plasterers are the best paid mechanics at this place; they get from one dollar and fifty cents to two dollars and fifty cents per day, or two dollars and fifty cents to two dollars and seventy-five cents per thousand for laying bricks; painters get from one to two dollars per day; farm hands get from six to ten dollars per month and board; plow boys, four to five dollars per month. I have two boys at the above price on my farm. Women get for chopping cotton thirty-five cents per day—they can do about as much at that work as a man at fifty or seventy-five cents. Women as cooks get from four to seven dollars per month; children from two to two dollars and fifty cents, as nurses.

#### ROCKINGHAM.

**PAINTING CONTRACTOR.**—The educational interest of this community (Reidsville) is very good. We have two large graded schools—one for white and one for colored children, both well attended. The working class are better off in this town than any that I know of. At least eighty per cent. of white workingmen own homes, and ten per cent. of the colored also. I think it will be found that sixty per cent. of them save a part of their earnings since we have had local prohibition, though wages are not high. Painters get from one to two dollars per day of ten hours, paid weekly.

**PUBLISHER AND PRINTER.**—Our working people are generally possessed with a common public school training. Principal trades here are carpenters, bricklayers, &c. No manufacturing of any kind, and but very few colored laborers. Morals of the community good—hardly excelled. Good wages paid for labor, and workmen and their families generally live in comfort. Social condition good—community entirely in harmony; religion and morals excellent—church-going people, four denominations. Population five hundred. Two railroads in course of construction to the place—C. F. & Y. V. branch, track laid half way, to be completed by Christmas, and the Roanoke & Southern, building from Winston by this place to Roanoke, Va.; convict labor on former, free labor on latter. Laborers during the summer here, on Dan River improvements and in the quarries command one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per day. Farming operations bad.

**BOX-MAKING AND BUILDING.**—The moral and educational condition of the working classes here have much improved during the last year—educational especially. The graded school system has been in operation here during the last year. Our financial condition has not improved, owing to the stringency of money and the scarcity of labor. The social condition is about the same. Times are brightening up now and prospects are more encouraging than for some time.

#### ROWAN.

**STEAM SAW MILL.**—The laborers of this section are in a very bad condition; they do not have regular work, consequently are hard run to provide for themselves and families. Wages are very low. I also carry on a small farm, but no man can hire labor and pay for same out of the product raised on the farm.

**CARRIAGE MAKER.**—I live in Rowan county, but my post office is in Iredell county. I am not manufacturing any new work now—didn't last year; only repairing. My occupation is gone. Cincinnati work killed it.

**MANUFACTURER COTTON GOODS.**—In the town of Salisbury all kinds of skilled labor has been employed all summer as far as I can understand at very good prices. In the country there has been considerable dullness for want of work for the last seven or eight months by that class formerly employed in gold mining, still they have found employment for the greater part of their time. As regards education, both white and colored, it has improved. Morals of the whites in my neighborhood are much improved. Financially, I think, there is but little difference, but in general I think the people are more comfortable than three years ago.

**BUILDER, &C.**—The morals of the laboring class of people are generally good; as a general thing you will find them a kind hearted people and good neighbors. Some of them are very poor, though a poor man is respected as any other in this part of the country if his morals are good. Educational interest good and improving, I think. I will be glad to give you any other information.

**HOTEL-KEEPER.**—Labor in this vicinity is not doing as well as two years ago. Employment is not so regular; carpenters and brick-layers as well as all other classes of work have cut prices greatly in consequence of scarcity of work. The laborers here have to a considerable extent obtained homes for themselves until the last year or so, and have shown a commendable zeal in the education of their children, both white and black. Their facilities here are extraordinary.



## RUTHERFORD.

TANNERY.—I started here eleven years ago, and have learned my employees the trade. I require of them to serve three years, and am increasing every year, making more leather and needing more employees. When I get a hand that suits me I keep him. Some have been with me since I started. I superintend the work myself.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR.—The working class as a general thing are most all a little in debt here, and generally hard pushed to live. Wages paid largely in orders to merchants, at big prices. Very little money here, and the men that have it, as a general thing, hold on to it. As to morals they are generally good, of course. There are some bad people in all places and this cannot be excepted.

We generally have six or eight months of school every year. The people, or the most of them, are not able to support a good school, and none at all long at a time. I think that is one thing the State ought to look after more earnestly than it has heretofore done.

W. B. M.—Education among the working class is at a low standard—while some can read and write, others cannot. The morals are very good as a general thing. The financial and social conditions are, I think, tolerably good.

## STANLY.

HOUSE CARPENTER.—I have filled out the within blank as I think it should be filled, and think my statement correct. We have a beautiful country in this part of the county—it is known as the Fork of the River, as the great Pee Dee runs on one side and Rocky River on the other. We have rich lands around Norwood. Our people are thrifty and energetic farmers. Morality, peace and quiet reigns throughout our locality. Our people are generally educated to a greater or less extent. Free schools and academies are numerous.

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING.—There is a decided improvement in the education of the people in this county. We have a fine school in our little town that will compare with any in the country. We pride ourselves on having one of the most moral towns in North Carolina. The majority of our people are very industrious, and save some little every year. All our farmers have a plenty and some to sell. We have three good church buildings, all new, roomy, well furnished and paid for.

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING.—We have no corporations or large companies who employ hands to any extent. The average wages of farm hands are about ten dollars in this section. We have some lumber mills, but they do not work many hands. Wages are not high here for any kind of labor. The educational facilities are pretty good, but the laboring classes do not avail themselves of them very much. Their moral, social and financial conditions are only medium; the facilities for moral training are good, we have churches and schools enough if they would avail themselves of the opportunity. My own business is small. I am a furniture manufacturer and undertaker, and work no hired hands outside of my own family. I have five sons, a part of them work with me. If I can be of further service to you, I shall be glad to do so.

SAW AND FLOURING MILLS.—We have good schools in our county, and in that respect the condition of the people has greatly improved—they are manifesting much more interest in the education of their children.

The moral standing of our people is also a shade better, and the financial condition a considerable improvement on that of two years ago, while socially, the working class of people have improved fifty per cent. in the last few years in this section. We have three churches in the town of Norwood, three Sunday Schools, and one high school, with good Sunday Schools and day schools in the district. There are no grog shops here and very little liquor drank. We are trying to do better, and we wish you to keep your people close to the plumb line in Raleigh, then we will have less taxes to pay.

SAW-MILLING, &C.—The people of Stanly county are taking a great interest in education now. We have a high school in the county and will have others soon. We have a good healthy farming county, and fine timbered land. We need a railroad very much.

#### STOKES.

BUILDER, &C.—I think education is on the advance. We have some very good schools for boys and girls. Financial matters are close—money is the scarcest at this time that it has been for some years. The scarcity of money is the cause of prices of labor declining, and it has had an effect on our grain and tobacco, the main money crops of this section. People are turning their attention to farming on a more improved scale.

TOBACCO MANUFACTURER.—The educational, moral and social condition of the laboring classes in our section is somewhat better than in the past, while their financial condition, we regret to say, shows but little, if any, improvement over the previous year. Several reasons could be assigned, but the most potent is the stagnation of trade of every description, and the financial depression of the country generally, caused, perhaps, by diverting the circulating medium (money) from its proper channel, and hoarding it up in banks and in the money drawers of misers, to the detriment of legitimate speculation.

#### SURRY.

WAGON MANUFACTURER, &C.—More religion, and less whiskey and brandy would still improve our place.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER.—I do as much, or more, work in my office than any hand. After paying for material used, my printers, as you will see, get the best of the business. Taking everything into consideration, my employees have no room to complain. The fact is, I give them to understand that when I “make more,” they shall “get more.”

WAGON MANUFACTORIES.—Business is getting better than it ever has been before. We intend to employ more hands very soon. Can't keep up with the work with the number of hands we have.

#### TYRRELL.

MANUFACTURER JUNIPER BOAT PLANK, TELEGRAPH POLES, &C.—Prohibition in this town (Columbia), I think, has done good work in improving the morals of



this community; indeed, its influence has reached out until there is but one dram shop (called Bear Trap) in our old county. We have a most excellent preparatory school in the town. No other schools in the county except the State public schools, which only run a few weeks each year.

E. L.—The best business with us is lumbering. We have two or more companies in each township cutting pine logs, and they are carrying off vast amounts of logs to Virginia and elsewhere. Pine timber seems to be in great demand, but it is low. Bad crops and bad fishing cause our people to make any shift they can, to keep soul and body together. I do not perceive any improvement in the colored race, but rather the reverse. I think the education they get is no advantage to them. The generality of the old slaves have no education, and they are far superior to those who have come up since the war. In fact, many of the latter, are almost worthless, for there is scarcely any reliance to be placed in but very few of them.

J. A. S.—Owing to the scarcity of labor in this county the employer is dependent upon the employee, hence, poor labor. Good and honest laborers (men, women or children) can find plenty of first-class employers who will pay good wages, in cash, at the end of every week, but, as a rule, they are too independent to seek employment. Their whole desire is *education, freedom*, and politics, neither of which seems to improve the negro for work.

#### UNION.

SAW-MILL, &C.—The trade in lumber is on the increase. Prices range from seventy-five cents to eighty-five cents per one hundred feet. Any one can sell all he cuts. Mostly pine, post oak and white oak timber is used. The scarcity of money makes times very hard in this section. Many working people are leaving here and seeking employment where they can get better wages. On farms, wages are eight dollars to ten dollars per month in crop times. Mill hands are getting thirteen dollars per month for twenty-six day's work. Sawyers are paid one dollar per day.

BUILDER AND MACHINIST.—Am a house contractor, and have been following that business ever since 1865. I run a general machine shop, manufacturing sash, doors, blinds and all kinds of sawed and turned work. Have plenty of work to do.

#### VANCE.

TIN, GUN AND LOCKSMITH.—The educational facilities in this county are not what they ought to be. Where women or children are required to do men's work they should have men's pay. Public roads should be worked by convict labor, each county using its own convicts. Convicts having served out their term should be returned to the county from whence they came. If a married man or woman is sentenced to the penitentiary for five years or more, the marriage contract should be annulled, at the discretion of the one not sentenced. In my opinion, the whipping post would do more towards the abolition of petty crime than all the penitentiaries. Each county should be required to establish a work house, wherein prisoners for petty offences may be required to work out their fees and fines, thus saving the county that expense. As to capital and labor, one would be



of little service without the other, as they both go hand in hand in support of each other. I would suggest peace and harmony as being the surest means of obtaining the greatest good to all concerned. With this injunction to the working people—that the more and better they work, the more they will get, and the better they use their earnings, the more good they will be to themselves, their families, their God and the world they live in—I will close.

TIN-SHOP, &C.—The general condition of the working classes is better in our town, I think, than any little place in the State. Our schools are good, and morals better than you will find in most any place. Among the working people finances are tolerable; their general social standing better than any of the neighboring towns, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CONTRACTOR.—I am sure the morals of Henderson, both white and colored, have improved at least fifty per cent. We seldom see any one intoxicated; very little swearing among the whites. The morality of the town commenced to improve the year we had prohibition, and has continued to improve ever since. Very little change with the laboring class financially or socially. There is here a great tendency to employ incompetent workmen, because they can get them cheap, as they think, but very dear in the end. Negroes do most of the work of the town at a very low rate, consequently I do not get half as much to do as I could, and I am just barely making a support. An incompetent mechanic is a great curse to the profession as well as the public at large. There should be some remedy to stop this evil. An apprenticeship system would be one step toward it. Every person learning a trade should be required to serve at least four years, and then go before a regular board of master workmen for examination, and if found competent be given a certificate to that effect; otherwise, be required to serve until he merits the diploma. No one should be recognized by the public in any profession or trade unless he can show his certificate. Doctors, lawyers and ministers of the gospel, all have their papers for the safety of the public, and why should not carpenters and brick-masons, especially when they are erecting houses for the whole human family to risk their lives in? If you want a house built, and a man comes to you—a stranger—and says he is all right and can build it, how do you know? Make him prove it by showing his papers, then you would have some protection; without them you have none.

#### WAKE.

PAINTERS.—Under the head of remarks, we would suggest that a license tax of about ten dollars a year be charged contractors. There is a class of people in our city who, when intending to have work done, invite a contractor (one who understands his business) to estimate on his work, find out what it will cost, &c., and then send for some laborer, who does not understand estimating, and get him to bid on the work. He guesses at it, comes within one-half or two-thirds of what it is worth, and gets the job, and seven times out of ten he cannot pay for the material used. This is not only the case in our business, but we have noticed that it is the same with all other businesses usually given out by contract. Therefore, we suggest a license tax, as a means of preventing those who have work done from taking advantage of the workingman. If they should not want to give the work to a licensed contractor, then they would have to hire the laborer by the day, and



the laborer would know what he was making. This would be to the advantage of the employees, as we could get what our work is worth and pay employees more money for their work. But as long as we have to compete with the class mentioned, it will keep work cheap, and of course low wages must follow. We believe in good wages and a fair living for all.

**PRINTERS AND BINDERS.**—If the information given by us will serve your purpose, you are welcome to it. We are anxious to do anything in our power to further the interests of the working people, and to assist you in your efforts to enlighten the people on the condition of the wage-workers of this State.

We find ourselves unable to give a correct answer to some questions without an annual balance sheet.

**WORKERS OF MARBLE, GRANITE AND SAND STONE.**—Our firm is a branch of one of the largest establishments of its kind in this country. We have not been located here long (only a few months). But the continuous improvement South is having a tendency to attract capital from sister States, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics of this State can and is helping both labor and capital. The writer induced the firm he is representing to prospect here, and feels proud in saying, so far success has crown our efforts. In the past three years, notwithstanding the cry of hard times, business has increased fifty per cent.

**FOUNDERS AND MACHINISTS.**—We wish here to say a word in commendation of the good results of the local option law, both to us and to our employees. Before local prohibition was adopted, we had much trouble with our men, who would sometimes come in in a feverish and good-for-nothing condition, the result of excessive drink, and sometimes by their not coming in at all, but now, we are glad to say, we have comparatively but little of such trouble to contend with, and this change we attribute mainly to the happy results of local option.

**IRON FOUNDRY AND MANUFACTURERS AGR'L IMPLEMENTS.**—Our men all attend church, work hard, lose but little time and, so far as we know, are moral.

We notice great improvement in their dress and manners, and by strict personal supervision, we hope to have them all a very great deal better after awhile.

Any other information sought will be gladly furnished you.

**MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS.**—While the business I now own, has been running for more than five years, and as I have owned an interest in it all the time, during this period, yet, I have only owned and controlled the entire business since August 6th, 1887, therefore some of your questions I could not answer. I hope to increase my business this year, thereby giving work to more men. I have already this year opened a branch of this business in the town of Fayetteville. I hope to see it grow.

A manufacturer, in the city of Raleigh, writes thus: You request our opinion as to the moral, educational and financial condition of the people in our vicinity. As our "vicinity" is the city of Raleigh, which is large, we will confine our remarks to the condition of those only with whom we co-operate. We think that the moral, educational and social condition of all our employees, with two or three exceptions, is bad. We see no prospect of this condition of things getting any better as long as society so regulates its affairs that the employer is allowed to absorb the larger part of the wealth produced by the laborer, allowing him only en



to procure sufficient quantity of food to keep enough strength to earn some more wealth for the benefit of the employer. This confession places us at a disadvantage, as we are employers ourselves, and hence you will see the justice of keeping this opinion secure in the Archives of the Department.

We also have to suffer from the effects of this state of affairs, and justly so, no doubt, for Providence generally tries to equalize things. Our penalty is that we get a very poor quality of service—entirely unreliable, thinking nothing and doing nothing, when it can be avoided, for the interest of the business; apparently actuated only by one principle, to do as little as possible without going to the point of getting discharged, recognizing no doubt that they get only a small and unequal share of what they produce, and justifying themselves for not making more. We are pleased to record that the very best personal feeling exists between us and our operatives, and in a majority of them there is a strong personal respect, and almost affection, exhibited by them toward us, and we can influence them largely to do almost anything, except to attend carefully to their work when we are not watching them, and for this we do not censure them, as we recognize the fact that we are legally robbing them of their just deserts, or, of their proper share of what they produce. We can afford, and do treat them kindly and grant them many liberties and privileges not accorded in other establishments, where proprietors are similarly robbing them, but do not admit it.

We regret that the social and industrial matters are so arranged that we are compelled to occupy this position towards them, but we are entirely powerless to change the matter, being only one, and so we must submit "to things as they be," or we shall be called a fool and laughed at by those we would benefit, and hence we try to let the fact, that we are diverting to our only use and benefit wealth that others produce, console us for the forced position in which we are placed and up to this time we have been moderately successful in so consoling ourselves, and we think our operatives have also consoled and satisfied themselves that they got ahead of us on divers occasions—so all is right as right can be.

WARREN.

H. B. H.—There is none or very little manufacturing interest in my county. Below I undertake to give such information as may be of interest:

Wages for farm hands, men, eight dollars per month, house rent, garden, and fire wood furnished; women are worked mainly by the day at twenty-five cents and board about ten hours, paid on demand, and the laborer generally keeps well up; no increase or decrease; board about four dollars; about one fourth paid in merchandise, balance in cash; one-fourth employees can read and write; very few, probably one-tenth, own homes; an exception that one saves anything; no visible change in education and moral condition.

S. B.—The financial and social condition of our colored race is very poor, and I do not see but very little difference in those who belong to the church and those who do not.

S. W.—I am a farmer and carpenter and have twelve children; work hard and am making a good living; I send my children to school about four months every year; my financial condition is about fifty per cent. better than it was five years ago. Education is rapidly spreading in this community.



**BRICK WORKER.**—The condition of workmen is deplorable. The good mechanic and the inferior one are classed together. We need, more than anything else, a law grading mechanics, to protect the public, give proper wages to good workmen and encourage the poor mechanic to make himself proficient. We also need shorter work hours, so as to enable us to improve socially. There is no system among mechanics about apprentices or anything else. Mechanics have to compete with persons who know very little about work, and are expected to do a better job for the same money. There ought to be a law forbidding any mechanic taking contracts unless he can produce a certificate of proficiency from some board of examiners or authorized person. Work twelve hours per day at two dollars and fifty cents per day; lose about one-third of my time for lack of work; living costs about three hundred dollars per year; have three in family; am paid part in cash and part in merchandise; have not accumulated anything in the past year. We need better schools, as they are now taught such a short time, that the children get very little benefit from them. The majority cannot send their children on account of not being able to sufficiently clothe them.

**TIN AND SHEET IRON BUSINESS.**—The condition of things respecting labor is not as favorable as it was two years ago—both with skilled and unskilled labor. The remedy rests with the law-makers.

#### WASHINGTON.

**MILLING, LUMBER HAULING, &C.**—The larger part of our labor is colored, and their desire for bettering their condition is not very great; they generally spend what they make and appear satisfied; they make little progress—the younger ones are poorer hands than the older ones. Wages always advance in the spring and decline in winter. The white laborers are making steady progress, and a large per cent. are bettering their condition; but there are some whites, like the colored, with very little desire to better their condition. Education among our laboring people is fully one-third better than two years ago, and the younger class are gaining rapidly.

**T. M. R.**—Our county is improving since the lumber interest has begun to grow so fast. We have some of the finest timber in the world, and a great deal of it—pine and cypress that cannot be excelled. It is in good demand. We have several very large lumbering firms, and many smaller ones. There is one at Lee's Mill, in this county, near the Albemarle Sound, with machinery capable of cutting 45,000 feet of lumber per day, with planing machines, dry kilns, &c. The lumber firm owns a railroad from the mill to the sound, some four miles. They ship thousands of logs, as well as sawed lumber. Their loaded flat cars are transported across the sound on large flat boats built for the purpose. They do an immense business, giving employment to about three hundred men, and they are constantly enlarging their trade.

#### WAYNE.

**MACHINE REPAIR SHOPS.**—I think the mechanics and laborers, generally speaking, in this city, are now in a better condition than they were two years ago. I only work two hands regularly. When I need help I get such hands as I need by the day.

G. L. B.—I think the educational interest of our working people is better than ever before. We have good public schools for both classes, taught about four months in the year. They seem to take more interest in the schools than ever before. The attendance is larger and more regular. Morally they are somewhat improved. Financially and socially but very little improvement.

SAW-MILLING, &C.—The working people embrace about the whole population of this section. The greater portion of them work their own lands and are in pretty fair condition. They take as much interest in education as their circumstances as working people will admit, while their morals are good. There are others who do not own any lands, and only work on farms as hired laborers, and this class depend almost wholly on the free schools for educational advantages, which are very limited.

#### WILKES.

GENERAL REPAIR AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS.—The wagon trade in my community is supplied by the "Nissen" Wagon Companies of Winston and Salem. I do not make any new wagons at all, but do a great deal of repairing. The buggy trade here is supplied by Western manufacturers almost entirely. I make a few new buggies and do a great deal of repairing. I make better profit shoeing horses than in any other part of my business, but it is by far the hardest work.

Our county at no distant day will be a great field for men who wish to follow wood work of any kind. We have the finest timber for making wagons and buggies in Wilkes county that can be found in any part of the State.

I do not employ any laborers to amount to anything, from the fact that the present demands of this community will not justify me. I intend to employ more as soon as times and money matters get better.

The educational condition of this community is not so good, in my opinion, as it was some five years ago, from the fact that the people of the neighborhood and town are not taking much interest in schools. We need a good school in our town. Our children are all intelligent, all they need is a proper education.

As to the financial condition of this town and community, I would say that a great deal of the property is under mortgage to the money-holders. Farmers as a class are, I think, in some better condition than they were a few years ago. The good crop of last year has enabled most of the farmers to pay off their indebtedness, and if the country is blessed with a good crop this year, Wilkes can hold up her head.

MILLWRIGHT, &C.—The educational condition of our working people is not as good as could be desired. It is not so bad morally, and none are in a suffering condition.

NEWSPAPER PRINTING.—Wilkes county has more undeveloped wealth than any other county in the State. Every hill is underlaid with valuable minerals, such as iron, coal, lead, gold, silver, &c. Her water power is very extensive. The Yadkin flows through it from west to east, and affords abundant water power for any and all kinds of mills, yet, Wilkes county cannot boast of any mill, save a mere corn "cracker" or wheat "scrubber."

The soil of this county is exceedingly fertile. Corn can be grown to any extent desired. Wheat, oats, rye, barley, sweet and Irish potatoes, peas, beans, and in



fact, any kind of produce usually raised in the temperate zone, can be raised and extensively cultivated.

The people seem to be as religious or moral as you commonly find in a county. Of course, they are not entirely a moral people.

Education is in a flourishing condition, taking into consideration the ineffective school system of the State.

#### WILSON.

TIN MANUFACTURER.—I think that the educational and financial condition of the laboring classes of this vicinity are better than they were a few years ago. I am preparing to increase my manufacturing business soon.

CARRIAGE BUILDERS.—Our business is on the increase, and can sell all the work we get up. Laborers seem to be well satisfied, and we have no trouble at all with them. Some of them seem determined to have homes of their own and are saving for that purpose.

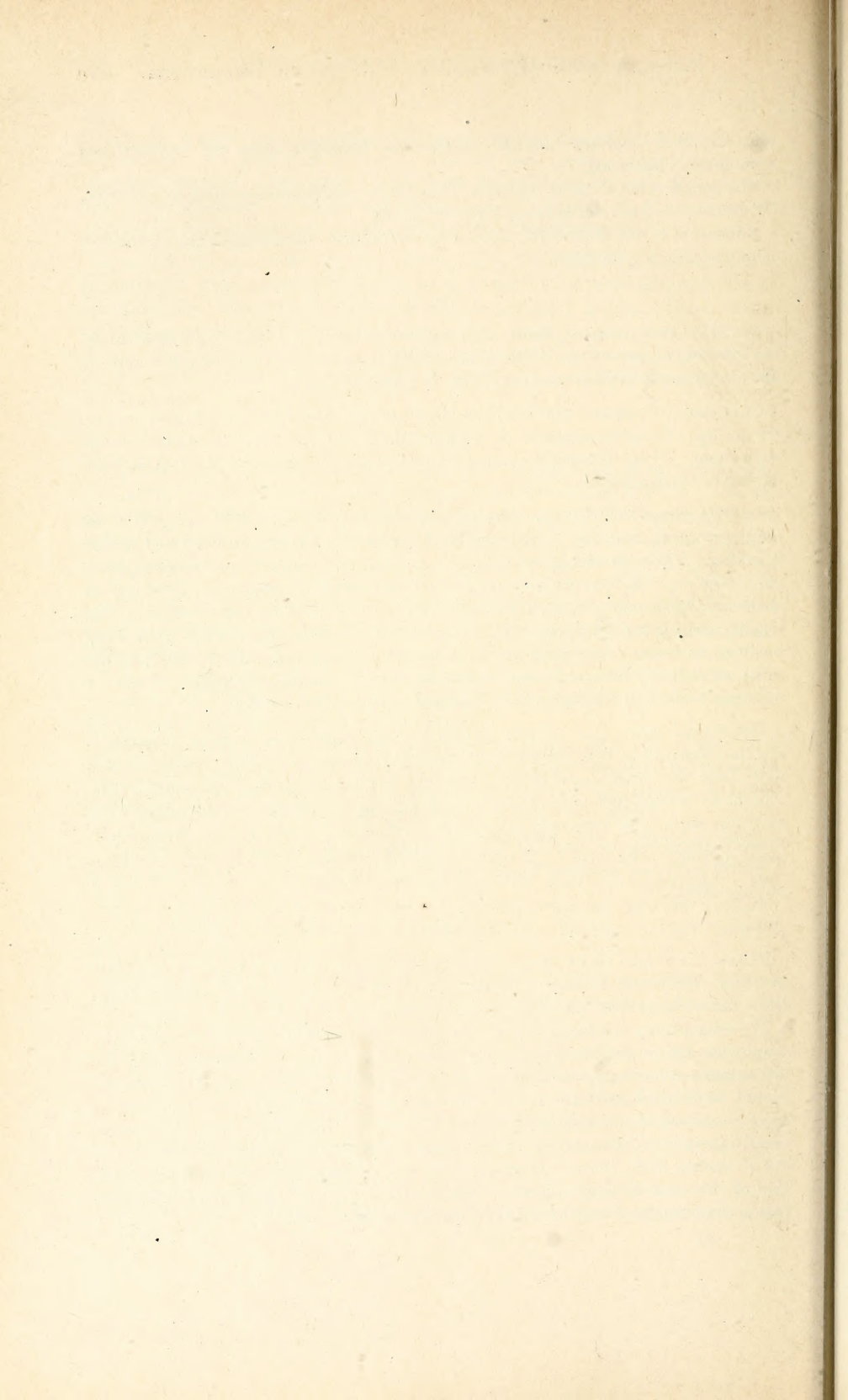
CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.—Mechanical labor is disorganized on account of so many trying to contract. Great deal of time lost by fishing, hunting and dram-drinking. We need education among our laboring classes to encourage them to fully discharge their duty; they are too hasty to make unreasonable demands of their employers; they talk too much. The negro labor is some better in this locality than it was two years ago. I have been contracting here five years; my business increases very rapidly—I have plenty of work this year for ten months; most of contracts already made. I find no trouble in getting plenty of hands. I own my house and lot; have three children, one going to school.

TIN, SHEET IRON AND COPPER SMITHING.—My business is small. Business in my line was dull in this section last year, and I made very little money—and I have done very little so far this year, but am hoping for some improvement soon. The laboring class here seem to be improving some in education and refinement, and they seem to be very well satisfied and contented. There are no rapid strides towards improvement, but there is a healthy, steady growth in that direction. A pretty good percentage of the laboring class own homes, or are on the eve of buying them.

#### YADKIN.

STEAM, SAW AND GRIST MILL.—We employ but one regular hand; have others at times, which will average a regular hand, and work regular ourselves, making three hands in all that are employed in our business.

The educational condition of the working class here is not good. Many of the employees are colored and very poor whites, and do not avail themselves of the advantages of learning that they have. The morals of this class in our section we would pronounce good, for the greater part. As to their financial condition, I have expressed above, regarding those who work for their daily bread. The social condition of most of them is on a low scale, except the carpenters, and some others of trades, with whom it is better. We would state, however, that the condition of this class throughout our section is improving in point of morals and education, and a higher state of things generally seems probable.





## CHAPTER III.

### APPRENTICES.

On account of the many suggestions on the part of mechanics and others in the First Annual Report of the Bureau in regard to apprentices and the present apprentice law of the State, we have thought it advisable to give the subject special attention in this our Second Annual Report. As the future advancement of the State is largely involved in the training which her youth receives in mechanical and industrial pursuits, greater attention should be given to the subject than has heretofore been the case. Very little attention has in the past been given to it. No better evidence need be adduced of this fact than to call attention to our present apprentice law as contained in Chapter 3 of The Code, which has been in operation for over a hundred years without any change except that incident to the emancipation of the negroes.

The following is the law relating to apprentices as it appears in The Code:

#### THE CODE, CHAPTER 3.—APPRENTICES.

SECTION 9.—BINDING TO BE BY INDENTURE.—The binding of apprentices shall be by indenture made in the name of the Superior Court Clerk of the County of the one part, and of the Master or Mistress of the other part, which shall be recorded and filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court.

SEC. 10.—REMEDY THEREON.—The apprentice may bring an action on such indenture in the name of the Clerk and his successors and recover any damages sustained by reason of the breach of the covenants contained in said indenture.

SEC. 11.—WHO MAY BE APPRENTICED.—Clerks of the Superior Courts in their respective Counties shall bind out as apprentices: (1) All orphans whose estates are of so small value that no person will educate and maintain them for the profit thereof; (2) All infants whose fathers have deserted their families and been absent one year, leaving them without sufficient support; (3) All infants not living with the father, whose mother has secured to her such property as the infants may thereafter acquire, provided the Clerk deems it improper to permit such infants to remain with the mother; (4) All infants who make an application to the Board of Commissioners of the County for relief out of the funds for the poor, and such fact is certified by the Board to the Clerk; (5) All infants whose parents do not habitually employ their time in some honest, industrious occupation.

SEC. 12.—FOR WHAT TIME BOUND.—Every male apprentice shall be bound to some discreet person, approved by the Clerk, till the age of twenty-one, and every female apprentice until the age of eighteen years: *Provided*, That no white child shall be bound to a colored master or mistress.

SEC. 13.—DUTIES OF MASTERS.—The Master shall provide for the apprentice: (1) Diet, clothes, lodgings and accommodations fit and necessary; (2) Education in reading, writing and arithmetic; (3) Six dollars in cash, a new suit of clothes and a new Bible, at the end of the apprenticeship; (4) Such other education, sum of money or articles of furniture or implements of trade as may be agreed on between the Clerk and Master and inserted in the indenture.

SEC. 14.—DUTY OF CLERK.—On application of any person to have an apprentice bound to him, it is the duty of the Clerk to inform himself of the circumstances of the case, and for this purpose he may cite before him the relatives of the orphan or infant for examination on oath; he may also examine such other persons as he deems proper. In the selection of a Master he shall prefer so far as may be consistent in other respects for the comfort and interest of the apprentice, some tradesman of a useful art or mystery.

SEC. 15.—APPRENTICES, HOW COMPELLED TO SERVE.—If an apprentice refuses to serve as required by the indenture or by law, the Clerk may, on application of the Master, compel him, by citation or otherwise, to appear for inquiry into the facts, and if the complaint is well founded and the apprentice persist in such refusal, the Clerk may commit him by warrant to the House of Correction or the Common Jail of the County until he consents.

SEC. 16.—MISCONDUCT OF MASTER.—Upon complaint of any apprentice that the Master is guilty of cruelty, ill usage, refusal of necessary provisions or clothing, or any other violation of the indenture or of the law toward such apprentice, the Clerk may by order compel the appearance of the Master before him, when he shall examine and determine the complaint, and if the same is well founded he shall cancel the indenture and discharge such apprentice from his obligation of service and may proceed to appoint another master.

The above law instead of facilitating the apprenticing of the youth of the State to useful callings has had, it is believed, the opposite effect. The law is regarded generally with a feeling of dread both on account of the wrongs it has caused, and those it is capable of inflicting. Its very terms are at variance with the ideas of the people. "Master" and "mistress" are not words, which are calculated to make an apprentice law attractive which is inherently harsh. The State should not sanction the calling of one of its citizens "master" and another "servant," and the doing so, perhaps, has not had a very salutary effect, certainly upon the colored people, who "fight shy" of the present apprentice law. If this is a sentiment, it is wide-spread and deep-rooted, and while it is more prominent in the colored people, it is by no means confined to them. White people are averse to the terms "master" and "mistress," as well as the colored people, and they ought to be.

While the law in its terms has been a kind of "scarce-crow," it has been worse than that. It has been the instrument of much



wrong and oppression to indigent and helpless children, for scarcely any others have come under its provisions. The only protection which the law gives to an apprentice is a civil action for damages in case the indenture is violated, though punishment of a criminal nature is afforded against the apprentice when he fails to serve. It frequently happens that an apprentice is bound to and worked by an insolvent employer for a long term of service, and during its continuance and at its conclusion he wilfully fails to comply with the few stipulations which are made in the indenture, and the apprentice has no redress. A civil remedy will not reach such a case. The consequence has been that while some good men have been employers of apprentices under the law and have discharged their duty to them faithfully, a large percentage of employers have taken advantage of the law to obtain the labor of apprentices for nothing. This defect alone has raised up many witnesses against the law, and they are to be found in nearly every community. There are many other defects which will be seen on reading this chapter.

Desiring to obtain suggestions in regard to the subject of apprentices and also information as to the practical workings of the present law, circulars were sent by the Bureau to the Superior Court clerks of the State, mechanics and others who were supposed to be familiar with the subject, asking answers to the following questions:

1. Is the present apprentice law sufficient to meet the needs of the people upon the subject?
2. Do indigent apprentices when bound under our present law, so far as you have observed, generally receive more than is mentioned in sub-division 1, 2 and 3 of section 13 of the apprentice law?
3. Are beginners in mechanical pursuits apprenticed for a term of years in your county while learning a trade, or do they learn their trades irregularly and under different employers?
4. Would a law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to employers for a term of years to learn a trade, and affording protection to both employer and apprentice, be a beneficial one in this State?
5. Give any suggestions in regard to apprentices as may occur to you.

The answers received to the above questions are arranged by counties in the following pages, and will be found interesting as

showing how the law is regarded in the State by those who have observed its operations. Many valuable suggestions are contained in the answers made.

## ALAMANCE.

1. I do not think the present apprentice law of the State meets the requirements on the subject.

2. Indigent apprentices under our present law, so far as I have observed, do not receive more than is mentioned in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 13 of the present apprentice law.

3. Beginners in mechanical pursuits in our county are not usually apprenticed for a term of years to learn their trades.

4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades, and affording protection to both employer and apprentice, would, in my opinion, be beneficial.

5. There are no children apprenticed in this county for the express purpose of learning a trade. It is only orphans, who have no one to look after them, or to take care of them. There is a strong prejudice in this county against apprenticing, or binding children, as it is called, especially among the colored race. There are dozens of children in this county that ought to be apprenticed, if there could be found good men to take them and train them properly, by sending them to school and learning them to work, either on a farm or at a trade. I know no way to get at them under the existing laws. Would be glad of any suggestion that would enable me to do something for these children—to raise them in their own estimation and to elevate them in any way.

Yours truly,

A. TATE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

## ALEXANDER.

1. There is, you may say, no apprenticing done in this county.

2. Since I have been in office, I have heard no complaint of present law.

3. Apprentices with us learn their trades under different employers, as a general thing.

4. A law for voluntarily binding of youths to learn trades would, I think, be beneficial, if sufficient prudence was used in finding the right kind of masters.

J. T. MCINTOSH,  
Clerk Superior Court.

## BERTIE.

1. I think the present law sufficient.

2. Indigent apprentices when bound under present law, so far as I have observed, do not generally receive more than is mentioned in present law.

3. Apprentices with us learn their trades irregularly and under different employers. Of course there is occasionally an exception to above.

4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to employers for a term of years to learn a trade, and affording protection to both employer and apprentice, would be a good law.

W. L. LYON,  
Clerk Superior Court.



BUNCOMBE.

1. I don't think present law sufficient. The allowance is not sufficient at end of apprenticeship.

2. Apprentices receive more than indicated by present law if they are ten or twelve years of age when apprenticed.

3. Beginners in mechanical pursuits learn their trades irregularly, and under different employers.

4. A law providing for voluntary binding of youths would be beneficial.

5. That the master be required at the end of the apprenticeship to bring the ward to the Clerk's office and have the articles of indenture read, so that the Clerk may see, upon the examination of the ward, that the master has fulfilled his contract, before the ward is discharged from his custody.

W. T. REYNOLDS,  
Clerk Superior Court.

1. I think the present law very insufficient.

3. Sometimes an apprentice will fill out time required. Majority gather their trades with different masters.

4. I certainly think a law for voluntary binding would be beneficial. I have now in my employ tanners who never served full apprentice terms, and are poor workmen compared with those who served a thorough apprenticeship.

5. As to being educated for mechanical work, it requires as much care for thoroughly understanding the rudiments of some, to be proficient in advanced stages, as it does in the study of mathematics to become a thorough mathematician. A mechanic who has overlooked points that he should have learned while an apprentice, is in the same position as the mathematician who is always asking questions in the multiplication table.

I think it very essential to have a law compelling boys to serve a full apprenticeship in the trades they have chosen, and also to make masters responsible to apprentices for their trade.

J. R. HILL.

1. The present law would be if carried out.

2. Apprentices bound under present law do not receive more than mentioned, and there are but few bound.

3. There are but few that serve out their term now when bound. The contractor generally gets short of work and then falls out with his apprentice and lets him go.

4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades would be one of the best laws I can conceive of.

5. I think if there were a law in this State that would cause the indigent children to be bound out to persons who would learn them a trade, and not let them grow up in total ignorance, it would be a great blessing.

I long to see the time come when it will be a violation of the law for any one to apply for work as a mechanic who has not served a regular apprenticeship, or to get up a few tools and go around representing himself to be a mechanic when he is just as great a drawback as the mechanic can have to deal with. Up here in the mountains these jack-legs are very thick in all trades. The law ought to compel them to serve three years for a trade, and then they should be required to have a certificate from the employer under whom they served, grading them in first,

second and third grades, as to each one's proficiency. When this is done, mechanics will be in a position to demand sufficient wages to admit of their clothing and feeding their children properly, and can send them to school.

JOHN P. GOODLAKE.

1. I think the present law is good, but it is not in full force.

3. Apprentices here work under different employers to learn their trades.

4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to employers for a term of years to learn a trade, and affording protection to both employer and apprentice, would be a beneficial one in this State.

G. W. JUSTICE, Jr.

BRUNSWICK.

1. The law is good, but it is entirely unnoticed. There has not been an apprentice in this community for twenty years, in mechanical arts, under the law.

3. What apprentices learn here they learn irregularly and under different employers.

4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades would certainly be a good law.

5. It occurs to my mind that there is no use for a law to bind an apprentice unless there can be a law to protect him after he has spent his time and exerted his talent to learn a trade. For instance, you bind a young man to a master to learn a trade, and while he is learning jack-legs go hacking about at fifty cents and seventy-five cents per day, and may be they will get up to one dollar per day, and when the apprentice has finished his term of service and starts out for work here are those hackers, and he must work at about the same prices paid them, or get nothing to do. When a house is to be built, and is given out to the lowest bidder, these choppers, who don't know the value of time or the worth of labor, can bid on the work, and we have to compete with them or lose the job. So there is no use of a trade without protection. Give us protection, and it will be better for the mechanic and better for the laborer.

WILLIAM SWAIN.

CABARRUS.

1. The present law is about worthless.

2. Unless the apprentice is very young, I require one hundred dollars in addition to what the law requires.

3. Men with trades, as a rule, never apply for apprentices. They are used as servants and laborers.

4. I think a law for voluntary binding to trades would be a good one, if the friends, so-called, of the apprentice would let him work out his time.

5. The law in regard to apprentices, as it stands, is very unsatisfactory. The apprentice, as a rule, leaves his master by the time he is sixteen. That is my experience, and I bind out children only as a last resort. I prefer to send all such unfortunate children to charity asylums of the country, if possible. If practicable, we need the apprentice law amended in some way that will make the apprentice feel that he has a protector, and there should be enough pecuniary inducement to make him stay his time out, and a stringent law against all meddlers, &c.

JAMES C. GIBSON,  
Superior Court Clerk.



CALDWELL.

1. The present apprentice law is not sufficient for the purpose it has in view.
2. Indigent apprentices, under the law, do not receive more than is mentioned in 1, 2 and 3 of Section 13.
3. Apprentices in this county learn trades irregularly and under different employers.
4. A law for the voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades would do good.

CLERK.

CARTERET.

1. I do not think the present apprentice law sufficient.
2. Indigent apprentices, do not, when bound under present law, so far as I have observed, receive more than is mentioned in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3 of Section 13, present law.
3. Apprentices here learn their trades irregularly and under different employers.
4. I am inclined to think a law for binding apprentices to learn trades would be a good one.

CLERK SUPERIOR COURT.

CATAWBA.

1. I have heard no complaint of present law.
2. Apprentices under present law do not receive more than is mentioned in the section referred to.
3. Indigent orphans in this county are generally bound to farmers. Cannot recall a single one bound to a mechanic.
4. I doubt the propriety of such a law, for the reason very few mechanics follow their trades; but for a class, such as is usually bound in this county, the enacting this law would not injure any one.
5. I dislike the present indenture law, because few that are bound remain with their masters until they become of age. I believe the bond should require some compensation at the end of each year, and that amount kept at interest for the servant until he is of age—similarly kept as a guardian bond. This would, perhaps, keep the servant satisfied with his master during the term for which he was bound. The master should be required to pay a reasonable compensation for the services received; and the apprentice should forfeit his compensation if he fail to comply with terms of bond; and the fund accumulating from year to year should be applied, by an act of the Legislature, to the bettering of alms houses, or to the public schools.

P. A. HOYLE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

CHATHAM.

1. I think the present law not sufficient upon the subject.
2. I have never heard of an apprentice who received, when bound under present law, any more than mentioned in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 13.
3. Apprentices in this county learn their trades irregularly and under different men.
4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to employers for a term of years to learn a trade, and affording protection to both employer and apprentice, would be a beneficial one in this State, I think.
5. I think if boys were bound for a term of years it would be better for them.

If a boy is bound to service until he is twenty-one years of age, and receives nothing outside of what is mentioned by law, he is no nearer ready to start in life than when he began. I think, when he is bound to learn a trade, that three or five years is long enough; and he should receive so much the first year, and increase as his time goes on, so that he may be able to start for himself at the end of his term.

M. T. POE.

CHEROKEE.

1. I do not think present law sufficient on subject.
2. I think apprentices generally receive more wages or compensation, but less education in this county than mentioned in law.
3. They learn their trades irregularly and under different employers.
4. I believe a law providing for voluntary binding of youths to learn trades would be a good one. I like the idea well.

D. W. DEWESE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

CLEVELAND.

1. The present law is not sufficient.
2. Indigent apprentices receive more in this county than is mentioned in subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of the section mentioned.
3. Apprentices learn their trades irregularly and often under different employers.
4. A law for the voluntary binding apprentices to learn trades would, in my opinion, be a good one.
5. The matter of education is often neglected. The master should be required to send the apprentice to school a certain number of months during the apprenticeship. The majority of apprentices, especially the colored, leave their master before expiration of apprenticeship; at least that is my observation.

T. D. LATTIMER,  
Clerk Superior Court.

COLUMBUS.

1. I don't see in what particular the law could be amended for the benefit of apprentice or master.
2. In this county the masters, as a general thing, does more for the apprentices than the law requires.
3. There are none at this time apprenticed to learn any mechanical trade in this county.
4. I think a law for the voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades would be of benefit in such cases.

W. M. BALDWIN,  
Clerk Superior Court.

CRAVEN.

1. The law is good enough; but I think it is but little noticed with regard to apprentices or master.
2. I do not know of an apprentice legally bound under the law, although there may be.
3. To the best of my knowledge, the trades are learned irregularly by apprentices.



4. I think a law for the voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades would be beneficial, as it now is the most of the apprentices are bound verbally.

5. It seems to me, masters don't wish to have apprentices bound—only verbally, as they can get more in that way than they could in any other; they pick up all the help of half-bound men, and make out with them, at less cost than the apprentices would be. There are States in which this would not be allowed.

S. PRIEST.

1. Do not think the present law sufficient. We need changes similar to those mentioned in other States.

2. Indigent apprentices, as a general thing, do not receive more than is mentioned in 1, 2 and 3 of Section 13, present law.

3. Have had no opportunity to bind a boy to a trade; mechanics will not receive apprentices here only in a voluntary way, and then rarely.

4. I think a law for voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades would be a good one.

There are but few cases a year where children are bound out in this county except to their own kin. Outside of such binding, the law is virtually a dead letter, as there is so much outside interference with the child bound that parties dislike to take children under such circumstances, except to adopt them. It is a rare thing in this county for a boy to be apprenticed to learn a trade. I have been Clerk of the Superior Court eleven years, and not one has been regularly apprenticed in that period. To become a machinist here a boy is unable to get that opportunity without paying something for the privilege. If other counties have a similar experience, the Lord only knows what we are to do for mechanics in the future: I can learn of no young man learning a carpenter's trade in this city. There may be one or two learning the blacksmith's trade, not more than that.

E. W. CARPENTER,  
Clerk Superior Court.

#### CURRITUCK.

5. Don't believe in binding out children. A good man can get as many outside his family as he wants. Nine times out of ten they are bad men who want them bound. I have been Clerk twenty years and have bound but few. Don't like the system, but have not given the subject sufficient thought to suggest a better. Surely it can be bettered. Let the State take care of the poor orphan and learn him a trade, and see that each side is dealt fairly by. It pretends to take care of the poor, why not the orphan, who has no one to look out for him. Never put him under a cruel master as long as he leads a moral life. When a lad gets too bad it will be soon enough to place him under tormentors. I think, as far as I have observed, that orphans, under the present system, have a hard time of it. Most anything will better it.

H. B. ANSELL,  
Clerk Superior Court.

#### DARE.

1. But little, if anything, could be added to the law to make it more efficient.

2. No, they do not get what the law provides, because 99 per cent. of the apprentices leave their masters before they become free, regardless of the treatment they receive, whether good or bad.

3. No one in this section is ever apprenticed to learn any mechanical pursuit whatever.

4. A law providing for voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades would be a good one.

5. It has gotten to be of rare occurrence for a child, male or female, to be apprenticed, such matters being looked after in some way by relatives. The poor classes of whites, and negroes, regard the binding of a child in the light of what was termed negro slavery before the war. Such being the general feeling here, it is a rare occurrence that a Clerk has a matter of this kind brought to his notice, as provided under section 11, of this circular. Persons who would become masters of apprentices decline to do so because of the general feeling as mentioned above. There is not more than five per cent. of the colored race that would make efficient masters for colored subjects, and the negro *en masse* are opposed to colored subjects being apprenticed to white masters.

JNO. W. EVANS,  
Clerk Superior Court.

DAVIDSON.

1. The present apprentice law is square-toed tyranny,

2. Under the present law apprentices are generally poorly fed, poorly clothed, and seldom allowed to attend even a free school. I know a widow who will not allow her apprentice to attend a free night school, after working for her all day.

3. The apprentice law is so tyrannical that very few besides orphans are bound, and they do not learn trades. Nearly all the trades here are carried on by jack-legs.

4. A law for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades would be a blessing. Boys are not willing to work till twenty-one for six dollars and clothes (\$3) and a Bible (25 cents)—\$9.25.

5. Boys should go to school and do farm work till about sixteen years old. Then they can select a trade and learn it in four or five years. They should have a little money every month. Having learned their trades, if able, they should go to college. If not, let them marry and go to work. On this plan, the country would have mechanics and our college boys would have more humility and more practical sense. Farmers could mend their own implements. Apprentices have no remedy if they are mistreated; they would be punished for any appeal to the Probate Judge. Usually, apprentices are run off on some frivolous accusation just before they reach twenty-one. Three of my near neighbors were apprenticed to farmers. They learned farm work; but they never went a day to school. They hate corn bread now, because they ate it all the time of their apprenticeship. They cannot read, and were never known to sing. But they are sending their children to school.

J. H. MILLS,  
Superintendent Baptist Orphanage.

DAVIE.

1. I think the present apprentice law insufficient to meet the needs of the people.  
2. I have never known an apprentice to remain until his time was out, bound at law.

3. No rule or system in this county—all play a blind hand.

4. I am of the opinion that a law providing for voluntary binding of youths to employers for a term of years to learn a trade would be beneficial.



5. Apprentices should always agree to an unlimited time—the master to be the judge—as I think I have had a great many apprentices, and no two of them alike; some have made good workmen in twelve months, while others would not. I think, therefore, that it would be well to have a system that the apprentice with the best talent should have the advantage at the hands of the master.

JAMES H. COLEY.

DUPLIN.

1. I think the present law a good one if it were complied with strictly.
2. They do not even receive what is prescribed in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3.
3. All the trade apprentices learn in this county is farm work.
4. I think a law for the voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades would prove beneficial, thereby assuring that the apprentice would learn a trade in accordance with the wishes of the parent.

5. I am opposed to binding apprentices as a general rule, for the reason that as ours is not a manufacturing county, and the master takes the apprentice to make what money he can out of him, thereby leaving the apprentice at the age of twenty-one without any trade and without remuneration for his services. It is different with females. I have never seen much good accomplished by binding male apprentices.

If the Clerks of Courts could get the necessary information in regard to the treatment of apprentices by masters, thereby enabling the Clerks to enforce the law, I should be in favor of the law—if the apprentice could be learned a trade—but, as a general rule, the apprentice is small and has no relatives or friends to inform of the treatment by master; the education is sadly neglected, oftentimes the apprentice not being able to read and write intelligibly. If there were machine shops, either for the manufacture of wood or iron, I should always bind to such masters, but to bind an apprentice to become an ordinary farm laborer, and receiving no compensation for his services, thereby depriving the apprentice of his valuable time, turning him lose at the age of twenty-one with no knowledge of anything but the duties of a farm laborer, is a hardship. I am unable to suggest any amendment to the present law that would meet the demands of the public interest. I should always recommend that apprentices be bound to masters that would give the most advantages of education and to learn them a trade. A servant is worthy of his hire, and if not received in money, it should be received in education and a trade.

R. C. BROADHURST,  
Superior Court Clerk.

DURHAM.

1. The present law is not sufficient.
2. In a few instances apprentices receive more than is mentioned in the sub-divisions alluded to. In a majority of cases they do not receive as much as agreed upon in the indentures.
3. Apprentices here work with different masters at different trades, and as a consequence never become perfect in any one trade.
4. I am decidedly in favor of a law for the voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades.
5. I would urge that apprentices be bound to learn some particular trade, or profession, to be fully specified in the indentures, and that the master be required to

give a justified bond in the sum of five hundred dollars for the faithful discharge of his obligations, which said bond is to be renewed every two years during the apprenticeship, the forfeit, if any, to be to the use of the apprentice. Especially should the master be compelled to look after the educational and moral training of the apprentice. The great cause, in my opinion, of the dissatisfaction which exists between the employer and employed is due, in a great measure, to the unsatisfactory and bungling manner in which work is done by mechanics who have never mastered their trade, and the consequent low wages paid. Upon the completion of a term of apprenticeship, the master should be required to furnish the apprentices with a complete set of tools adapted to the particular trade he has learned, together with such other articles as may be agreed upon.

D. C. MANGUM,  
Clerk Superior Court.

EDGEcombe.

1. The present law is sufficient.
2. Apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in the sub-divisions of section 13.
3. Since 1880 no one has been bound out in this county to a mechanic. What is learned is from different employers.
4. I think a law for the voluntary binding of apprentices would be beneficial.
5. I think the County Commissioners should be required to look up indigent orphans, and have them bound to some good party. A great number would fare much better than they do now; besides, they would make much better citizens, especially those who would learn trades.

B. J. KEECH,  
Clerk Superior Court.

FORSYTH.

1. I think the present law is sufficient in my county.
2. In most cases the apprentices receive more than is mentioned in law.
3. Apprentices are apprenticed until they are twenty-one. Some follow their trades regularly, and others do not.
4. I do not think a law for the voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades would be beneficial.
5. There are a goodly number of children who would be in a better condition if they were apprenticed to some one, but I have been unable to get persons to take them, because the apprentices think they are too much like slaves, and in the case of many whom I succeed in binding, as soon as they get large enough to be of service to their master, some of the relatives or other persons interested in the boy, or girl, as the case may be, begin to complain that the pay is not sufficient, or of bad treatment, and the master, rather than be annoyed, consents that the indentures be rescinded, which is generally done. This is the case with white and colored.

C. S. HAUSER,  
Clerk Superior Court.

GASTON.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient.
2. Apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in law.



3. Apprentices are generally apprenticed for a term of years.
4. I think a law for voluntary binding would be beneficial.

J. B. WHITE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

GATES.

1. I don't think we will have any first-class mechanics as long as inferior ones are allowed to pick up trades and follow them.
2. I know of no apprentices in this locality and but one mechanic that served an apprenticeship.
3. Apprentices learn irregularly and imperfectly.
4. I think a law for voluntary binding would be a good one.
5. I served an apprenticeship of three years, at eight dollars per month, finding my own clothes. The first year only one-half of my wages were paid; the second year three-fourths of my wages were paid, monthly, and the third year I received full wages, monthly, being paid at the end of my term of service the arrearages on the first and second years. I am sorry to say that this locality is by no means supplied with good mechanics, nor do I think it ever will be as long as the people accept such mechanical skill as they do at present. They have been so accustomed to cheap, inferior work that they don't seem to desire any other quality. I said cheap work, but no inferior work is cheap. We will never have good work in this or any other country until we have an apprentice law and a law to protect master workmen.

JOHN P. COX.

GRANVILLE.

1. I think the present law insufficient.
2. Many apprentices do not get as much as mentioned in the law.
3. Apprentices learn trades irregularly, and very few ever learn any trade perfectly.
4. It would be difficult to make a law for voluntary binding to learn trades under the present state of public sentiment, and the loose and indifferent way our people have of doing things.
5. Considering the number of Orphan Asylums in North Carolina, I do not think that any orphan child should be bound out until after proper efforts have been made to secure its admission into the Asylum for Orphans.

The present indifferent methods of farming in North Carolina do not warrant so small a compensation to apprentices. They should receive more than the law allows. The information they get about farming from the average farmer of North Carolina is worse than nothing. Consequently they are turned loose at the age of twenty-one without information, "without money and without price."

The law should be more explicit in defining the character of the master or mistress to which a child is apprenticed. They should not only be *white outside but white inside*.

My impression is that the law allows sufficient compensation to apprentices, where they have been bound out to a competent tradesman and the trade has been thoroughly learned by the apprentice.

B. F. DIXON,  
Superintendent Oxford Orphan Asylum.

## HAYWOOD.

1. I think it doubtful whether the present law is sufficient for the purposes contemplated.

2. Apprentices receive more when they faithfully serve their time out.

3. Apprentices not bound to mechanical trades here. Most of binding in my county is to farmers. Beginners learn their trades irregularly and under different employers.

4. I believe a law for voluntary binding of youths to learn trades would be beneficial.

5. Apprentices in my county, as a rule, never serve their time out. As soon as they get large enough to work and make a living, they run away from their master, and rather than be troubled with them, their master lets them go. This state of things is not on account of ill or cruel treatment from master, but it is on account of "young America" wanting to be free while yet in his "teens," and their master, rather than resort to the severities of the law, let their apprentices go free. Apprentices generally receive such education as is given in the free public schools.

J. K. BOONE,

Clerk Superior Court.

## HERTFORD.

1. Yes, so far as concerns our county at present, the law is sufficient.

2. I know of only three or four apprentices, and I am quite sure they receive more than is mentioned in the law.

3. Apprentices learn trades under private contracts.

4. A law such as suggested would be a good one.

CLERK SUPERIOR COURT.

## HYDE.

1. Very little apprenticing in this county.

2. I do not think apprentices receive more than is mentioned in law.

3. Apprentices learn trades irregularly and under different employers.

4. A law for voluntary binding to learn trades would be a good one.

CLERK.

## IREDELL.

1. I think the present apprentice law might be changed in many particulars with advantage.

2. Apprentices do not generally receive more than is mentioned in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3, section 13, present law.

3. Apprentices in this county learn their trades irregularly and under different employers, they are generally apprenticed to farmers.

4. I think a law such as suggested would be a good one, if it was properly guarded in its provisions.

5. In our county too little attention is paid to mechanical pursuits. I think more care ought to be had by clerks in securing masters, who would learn apprentices mechanical pursuits.

My observation for thirteen years as clerk has been that in most instances the apprentice law is a failure. I am not able to give any suggestions as to a change at present. If I were going to take an indigent boy or girl to raise and train for



some useful avocation, I would prefer not to have the child apprenticed to me at all. I would depend upon training the minor so as to insure his usefulness. My impression is that in many instances the indenture bond is a stumbling block and begets discontent. I always try to secure a good home for them if I can, without resorting to an apprenticeship.

J. B. CONNELLY,  
Clerk Superior Court.

1. So far as my business is concerned, present law does no good.
2. Can't say. Am not familiar enough with the question to answer.
3. Beginners in mechanical pursuits are not apprenticed for a term of years in our county. They learn their trades irregularly and under different employers.
4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to employers for a term of years to learn a trade, and affording protection to both employer and apprentice, would be a beneficial one.
5. A boy ought to be made to stay with his employer until he learns his trade thoroughly.

PAINTER.

1. I think there is room for improvement of present law, both for the benefit of apprentice and master.

2. So far as I have observed, they do not get half what is mentioned in said section 13.

3. Apprentices pick their trades up irregularly and from men who have not learned it themselves.

4. I think a law binding young men for a term of not less than three nor more than five years to learn trades would be a benefit to this State.

5. I would suggest that there be a law enacted to prevent apprentices leaving their masters before their time is out; and that it be unlawful for them to offer to hire to any other master without permission from their former master. I will remark that there are so many men ready to hire an apprentice to do work that it hurts mechanics who have served their apprenticeship. A law to make them serve at their trades for a certain number of years would be beneficial, for instance: carpenters, three years; blacksmiths, three years; shoemakers, three years; printers, four years; painters, four years; marble workers, four years; brick-masons, three years; plasterers, three years; brick moulders, two years; moulders in foundries, three years; machinists, four years. I think such a law as this would be a great thing in any county or State—and let the law provide for the apprentice to have a certificate, signed by the master, when his time is out.

JOHN M. COLEY.

JOHNSTON.

1. The present law would be sufficient if carried out in the proper spirit by masters, but most men have apprentices bound to them for the work they can do, and not for the purpose of improving the intellectual or moral condition of the apprentice.

2. I do not think they get more than mentioned in law, and the apprentice who can best serve his master is apt to be best treated.

3. I know of no case where an apprentice has been bound for a term of years to learn a particular trade.

4. I think voluntary binding to learn trades would be beneficial, as it is impos-

sible to find persons that are qualified to instruct apprentices who are always willing to take them.

5. I consider it impossible to comply with the law in finding persons willing to take as apprentices all those children which even a mild enforcement of the law would reach. Among the colored children apprenticed in this county, most of them run away from their masters, and the master is frequently unable or unwilling to have them brought back. I think the law should be more explicit in requiring the master, on the running away of his apprentice, to overhaul him and bring him back. An amendment to chapter 3, of *The Code*, making it compulsory on masters to arrest absconding apprentices would aid very much in the enforcement of the law.

L. R. WADDELL,  
Clerk Superior Court.

MCDOWELL.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient, and it is not carried out as it is, in our county, in but few instances.

2. Indigent apprentices, so far as I have observed, do not receive more than mentioned in the law.

3. Apprentices here learn very irregularly and never serve as an apprentice.

4. A law for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades, would be beneficial.

B. B. PRICE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

MACON.

1. The present law is worth nothing.

2. The greater number get no more than is mentioned in the sub-divisions indicated.

3. I know of no one who has learned a trade by having been apprenticed.

4. Such a law as suggested would be beneficial, in my opinion.

5. Infants cannot, under the present law, procure masters providing them better homes and advantages than they usually have. It is an exception, and then an act of charity, when the youngest servants can be bound to one having a good, comfortable home, and where the child will, in growing up, enjoy even the privileges of the common schools, and never learn a trade or profession. The older boys and girls seldom, if ever, are satisfied to stay out their term of apprenticeship for the promised rewards

SAM. L. ROGERS,  
Clerk Superior Court.

MADISON.

1. It is not sufficient; the apprentice here seems to think at the end of the first year he has learned enough, or knows more than his boss, and so he goes out to contract for himself.

2. Apprentices here receive, where they serve out their term, generally a set of tools and a little money, but where they fail to serve, they seldom get anything.

3. Apprentices generally serve under different employers.

4. A law for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades would be beneficial, because there is so many who fail to comply with their contracts; they might or ought to be made to serve three years at least, and five years would be beneficial to both parties in this State.



5. I believe in paying apprentices so much for each year, and also giving a good knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic, and that the employer shall give his certificate, which is seldom ever done. I myself failed to get this twenty-three years ago, which, if I had got it, would have aided me very much.

JOHN M. CAMPBELL.

NEW HANOVER.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient.
2. They do not receive any more than is mentioned in section 13 of the present law.
3. Apprentices very seldom learn any trade. All boys are generally put on a farm.
4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades would be beneficial.
5. The only suggestions I could make, would be to compel the employer to enter into a bond to learn his apprentice a trade.

S. VANAMRINGE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

1. The present law is not sufficient as far as indigents are concerned. There is very little done these days in the way of binding out indigent or voluntary apprentices.

2. From past knowledge, I can state that apprentices never receive more than the employer was forced to give.

3. You will scarcely find an apprentice bound anywhere. There is generally an understanding between the employer and apprentice that the latter serve from three to five years, his wages increasing each year. The apprentices learn under one employer.

4. In my opinion, the law providing for the voluntary binding of apprentices would not be beneficial. If an apprentice must be bound in order to learn a trade it would be better for him to try something else. The day of binding apprentices, with some few exceptions, is past.

5. This apprentice question has been for some time, and is now agitating organized labor everywhere. There is no need now for binding apprentices, except indigents, for you will find very few employers who are willing to assume the responsibility of providing homes, clothing, &c., for their apprentices. Boys are now taken into shops simply with the understanding that they serve from three to five years. They receive usually seventy-five cents per day the first year, with an increase of twenty-five cents per day each year. At the close of the apprenticeship they are expected to receive journeyman's pay, but they often work a year or two longer before being paid the regular wages of a skilled mechanic. In the North and West the apprentice system is regulated by the employers and journeymen, and many controversies as to the number of journeymen to each apprentice have by them been settled. In many trades North they have a standing rule in regard to this matter, allowing one apprentice to every three journeymen. This is the system mechanics need all over the land, for there is a great tendency on the part of employers to rush apprentices ahead, and make them do the work of regular mechanics, and a law prohibiting employers from taking more than one apprentice to at least every two journeymen should be in force in every State. Labor is

far greater in need of a law as to the number of apprentices that should be employed than one as to binding them out. We need a law in this respect very much in this section.

MACHINIST.

ONSLOW.

1. I am unable to say whether the present law is sufficient or not.
2. I do not think apprentices receive more than is mentioned in the law.
3. Apprentices generally learn their trades irregularly and under different employers.

4. I think a law for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades, would do good.

5. I am unable to give any suggestions that would be of any use, as I am new in the cause, only served one term or rather one year as clerk, and am not familiar with the business, and nothing of the kind has ever come before me.

The apprenticing of children in our county has been heretofore but little attended to, and I am sorry to say so. I think if there were more apprenticing in many instances, there would be a better class of young men and young women brought up, and decidedly more useful in many instances.

CHAS. GEROCK, JR.,  
Clerk Superior Court.

1. I am unable to answer whether the law is sufficient or not.
2. When apprentices stay the full time, they receive more than is mentioned in the law.
3. Apprentices learn trades irregularly, and under different employers.
4. I am unable to answer whether a law for voluntary binding to trades, would be a good one or not.

R. D. THOMPSON.

ORANGE.

1. In most cases I think the present law sufficient.
2. Indigent apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in law so far as I have observed.
3. Beginners in mechanical pursuits are not usually apprenticed for a term of years in this county so far as I have seen.
4. I think a law for the voluntary binding of youths for a term of years to learn trade would be a beneficial one.

PRIDE JONES,  
Clerk Superior Court.

PENDER.

1. I think the present law sufficient.
2. Apprentices generally leave their master before they are twenty-one.
3. Apprentices now learn their trades very irregularly.
4. I think a law for voluntary binding youths to learn trade would be a good one.
5. We have but few apprentices in our county, and they are bound out to protect our county poor.

J. B. MOORE,  
Clerk Superior Court.



PERSON.

1. The present law is rarely enforced.
2. Apprentices receive more than is mentioned by the present law.
3. Apprentices learn their trades irregularly and under different employers.
4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths for a term of years, to learn trades, would be beneficial.
5. In my opinion, there should be established mechanical schools, both county and State, for apprentices, in which they should be compelled to serve a specified time in learning trades; or there should be a law for the binding out of youths to learn trades. The great trouble with the present generation of young men and boys is that they know not what profession to chose, as there is no place in our county, nor in many others, where a young man can learn a trade. The mechanical school is a good idea, and, in my opinion, is the place to put the boys of our country who are without párents, and others as mentioned in section 11, chapter 3, of *The Code*.

B. TAYLOR.

PITT.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient.
2. Indigent apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3, of section 13 of present law.
3. Apprentices learn trades irregularly here.
4. I think a law for voluntary binding would be a good one.
5. I have no matured suggestions to offer, not having given the matter careful thought as to how the law might be changed, but the present law does not meet the requirements of the people, and amounts really to but very little.

E. A. MOYE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

RANDOLPH.

1. The present apprentice law is not sufficient for the purposes it has in view.
2. Apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3, section 13 of the present law.
3. Apprentices learn irregularly here under different employers.
4. A law for the voluntary binding of apprentices to learn trades would be a good one.

GEO. S. BRADSHAW,  
Clerk Superior Court.

ROBESON.

1. I do not think present law sufficient on the subject.
2. Apprentices, so far as I have seen, do not get more than is mentioned in law.
3. Apprentices learn their trades irregularly and under different employers.
4. I think a law for the voluntary binding of youths, to learn trades, would be beneficial under proper restrictions.
5. I suggest that we do away with the name of "Binding Out."

From what I have seen, I have about come to the conclusion that our law as it stands on the books is not the thing. The colored people are to a certain extent opposed to having colored children bound to white people, and so far as I have been able to judge, very few of them are suitable for masters. They do not appre-

ciate the responsibilities of the position they occupy as masters. The master has not adequate protection in case his apprentice is enticed away, and the clerk of court, or the court have jurisdiction of binding, has not sufficient power to always secure the presence of the person of the party whose binding is desired, but resort has to be made to a Judge of the Superior Court for a writ of *habeas corpus*. There is also a prejudice against the term, "bound out." C. B. TOWNSEND,

Clerk Superior Court.

1. I think there might be a little improvement in the present law.
2. When I learned my trade I got thirty dollars a year and got my clothes from home; went to school three months in winter the two first years. At conclusion of apprenticeship, got a kit of tools.
3. Apprentices where I was raised had to serve five years—from sixteen to twenty-one.
4. I think a law providing for the voluntary binding of youths, to learn trades, would be beneficial, as there would then be better mechanics in the State, and they would know better how to contract for work.
5. I do not know that I can give you much information on the subject only on one point, and that is as to these half-handed carpenters, who should be prevented from putting in bids for work which they cannot do, thereby running off skilled mechanics. There should be a law preventing incompetent workmen from bidding on work.

G. P. HIGLEY.

#### RUTHERFORD.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient. It may serve to protect the county from the care of orphan children to some extent, but so far as the interest to the apprentice is concerned, the law is sadly deficient.
2. Very seldom apprentices receive more, only occasionally as much, and generally nothing more than their diet and clothing and lodging, and that not as good as it should be.
3. Beginners are never apprenticed, and learn their trades very irregularly and imperfectly.
4. There could be no better law adopted than one for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades. Such a law would, in my opinion, result beneficially to both apprentice and mechanic.
5. I think the law should be so amended as to require good and sufficient security on the part of the master, to faithfully perform and carry out the indenture. As the law now stands, the indenture is simply an agreement on the part of the master to perform what may be required of him in the indenture, and in nine cases out of ten after the apprentice arrives at maturity, if the master has failed to comply with the terms of the indenture, he can recover nothing. *Very few own more than a homestead.* I would suggest that whatever the master is required to give the apprentice in the way of compensation or wage money should be deposited in the county treasury for his benefit, to be drawn out by the apprentice at maturity.

R. W. LOGAN,  
Clerk Superior Court.



## SAMPSON.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient on the subject.
2. My observation has been very limited, but I can safely say that they do not receive more than is mentioned in the sub-divisions indicated.
3. Apprentices learn irregularly and under different masters.
4. If protection is sufficient to apprentice, a law for the voluntary binding of youths, would be beneficial. The master will take care of himself under present law.
5. I think that the law should be changed. The master should be required to make an annual report to the clerk, under oath, just as a guardian of a minor child does.

He should be required to show that the child is being properly taught, fed and clothed.

I think that most apprentices are so completely under the control of their masters that they would not make complaint, even if they had good cause, until too late.

A child is bound until he is twenty-one years. The master works him hard and does not teach him as he should. The child arrives at maturity, sues his master for damages and finds that the master is insolvent, though the master might have been solvent when he assumed the responsibility. There should be a remedy, and the clerk should be required to look after them, as he does children who have estates.

J. S. BIZZELL,  
Clerk Superior Court.

## STANLY.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient.
2. Apprentices generally get from twenty to one hundred dollars, more than is mentioned in sub-division 1, 2 and 3 of section 13.
3. Apprentices are not apprenticed for a term of years to learn a trade here.
4. I am of the opinion that a law, such as indicated, would be beneficial.

S. H. MILTON,  
Clerk Superior Court.

## STOKES.

1. I cannot say whether the present law is sufficient or not, there being no manufacturing, of any note, in this county, very few applications for apprentices are made, so far as I know, no complaint is made.

2. It is very seldom that apprentices receive more than is mentioned in law, though masters, in some cases, agree to give the apprentice something more, usually a small amount.

3. As above stated, there being no manufacturing in this county, most all the children bound are bound to farmers, and they will not agree to instruct the apprentices in mechanical pursuits.

4. I am of the opinion that a law for voluntary binding would be a good one.

N. O. PETREE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

## SURREY.

1. I think the present law sufficient if properly carried out.
2. Apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in 1, 2 and 3 of section 13.
3. Apprentices learn irregularly here.
4. I think a law for the voluntary binding of youths to learn trades would be a good one.

R. S. FOLGER,  
Clerk Superior Court.

## SWAIN.

1. The present law is not sufficient.
2. Apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in law.
3. There is no regularity about learning trades here.
4. I think a law such as is suggested would be a good one.
5. I am of the opinion that parties taking an apprentice should be required to give a bond, and that an apprentice should receive more pay than is allowed under section 13 of law. I think that the law is lacking in many respects.

W. A. GIBSON,  
Clerk Superior Court.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient.
2. They do not receive more than is mentioned in law.
3. No regularity about learning trades here.
4. A law for the voluntary binding of apprentices, and affording protection to apprentice and employer, would be a good one.
5. It seems that there might be a better law than the present one in regard to apprentices.

M. W. HOYLE.

## TYRELL.

1. The present apprentice law is not sufficient.
2. Apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in 1, 2 and 3 of section 13 present law.
3. Apprentices here learn irregularly and under different employers.
4. Such a law as that suggested could not be otherwise than beneficial to all concerned.
5. It is evident that an apprentice put to learning a trade when a boy would be better qualified to make a first-class mechanic after serving a regular apprenticeship, than he would turned loose on the world when a man without having had any training whatever.

The apprenticing of minors is not receiving that attention from our legislators that it should. Very much like our free school system, there is a great deal of talk and not much benefit derived.

T. L. JONES,  
Clerk Superior Court.

## UNION.

1. The present law is very nearly sufficient.
2. Apprentices are not promised more than is mentioned in section 13, but frequently where the child is old enough to begin to earn something they are given more.



3. Apprentices generally learn irregularly and under different employers.
4. Upon certain conditions, a law such as that indicated would be a good one.
5. In my judgment, our apprentice laws need but very little change. I find in my experience considerable difficulty at times, under the present law, in procuring good masters for apprentices. A change something like the following might be made: Where a child is as much as ten years of age, or more, the bondsman should be required to pay him so much annually, depending entirely upon his mental and physical condition. Most of children under that age are given as much, under the present law, as they are worth; it costs as much as most children are worth to raise and educate them, in a pecuniary sense I mean. In my opinion, if radical changes are made in the present law, it will be difficult to bind or find suitable homes for a great many children. Remove not the ancient landmark. We have too much legislation these days any way, *especially class legislation.*

GEO. C. McLARTY,  
Clerk Superior Court.

VANCE.

1. The present apprentice law is not sufficient to meet the needs of the people upon the subject.
2. Indigent apprentices, when bound under our present law, so far as I have observed, do not generally receive more than is mentioned in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 13 of the present law.
3. Apprentices learn trades irregularly under different employers.
4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to employers for a term of years to learn a trade, and affording protection to both employer and apprentice, would be beneficial in this State.
5. There should be some law allowing infants to be taken from parents of grossly immoral character, especially from mothers, and most especially for the taking and preserving of female infants; and the law should provide for placing them in orphan asylums and keeping them there.

J. R. YOUNG,  
Clerk Superior Court.

WAKE.

1. The present apprentice law is not sufficient to meet the needs of the people upon the subject in some particulars.
3. Beginners in mechanical pursuits learn their trades irregularly and under different employers in many instances.
4. One of the chief objections to the present law is the fact that sometimes insolvent employers take apprentices and fail to meet the few stipulations in the indenture, and there is no remedy given the apprentice in such cases.

C. D. UPCHURCH,  
Clerk Superior Court.

WATAUGA.

1. I do not think the present law sufficient.
2. I do not think that apprentices generally receive more than is mentioned in the section referred to.
3. Apprentices learn their trades irregularly and under different employers.

4. A law providing for the voluntary binding of youths to trades for a term of years would be a good one.

5. As a general thing, apprentices in this county stay but a little time with their masters, there being inducements for them to leave or run away.

JOE B. TODD,  
Clerk Superior Court.

WAYNE.

1. I think the present law sufficient.

2. Indigent apprentices do not often receive more than is mentioned in sub-divisions 1, 2 and 3 of section 13.

3. Apprentices learn trades irregular and under different employers.

4. A law for the voluntary binding of such as suggested might, in some instances be beneficial, but not generally.

A. T. GRADY,  
Clerk Superior Court.

WILKES.

1. The people have been able to get along under the present system, but a law might be enacted that would bring about some improvement.

2. It is seldom, if ever, that indigent apprentices receive more than is mentioned in the law.

3. Apprentices generally learn irregularly and under different employers.

4. In my opinion a law for voluntary binding would be beneficial.

CLERK SUPERIOR COURT.

WILSON.

1. The present law is not sufficient to meet the needs of the State on the subject.

2. Indigent apprentices, when bound under our present law, do not receive more than is mentioned in the sub-divisions alluded to.

3. Apprentices learn trades irregularly and under different, and principally inefficient, employers.

4. A law such as is suggested would be a good one.

A. B. DEANS,  
Clerk Superior Court.

YADKIN.

1. The present law is not sufficient on the subject.

2. Indigent apprentices do not receive more than is mentioned in the sub-divisions indicated.

3. Apprentices learn their trades by piece meals.

4. I do not think such a law as suggested would work well in this State, as our people are independent in their poverty.

5. The present law, nor any amendment to it, will work well in this State as long as the friends of the apprentice continue to persuade him to leave his employer while yet in his teens, but if the law were amended, and requiring the employer, at the end of his term, to give the apprentice fifty dollars or one hundred dollars, instead of six dollars, it would be an encouragement to him to remain his time out, while it would be no loss to the master, as the apprentice would earn for him much more than either amount if induced to continue working until the expira-



tion of his time. I think the law thus amended would also work another good result in our State: It would encourage those of our people who never try to do anything for their children to educate them and put them on an equal footing with the apprentice. Apprentices would not then be so frequently persuaded to leave their masters.

CLERK SUPERIOR COURT.

YANCEY.

1. I think the present law sufficient.
2. As a general thing, apprentices receive more than the law directs.
3. Apprentices learn their trades at random.
4. I do not think such a law would be satisfactory to the people of this county.

CLERK SUPERIOR COURT.

From the foregoing it will be seen that but few of the correspondents regard the present apprentice law as adequate to the needs of the State upon the subject, and some say that it is practically a dead letter—that even when apprentices are bound under it as soon as they reach a sufficient age to shift for themselves, they generally quit their employer, or become so much dissatisfied as to make a continuance of the apprenticeship unpleasant both to the employer and the apprentice—consequently the indentures are cancelled. This ought not to be considered wonderful, when the stipulations of the average indenture is taken into consideration. The apprentices of the State are usually bound under the following form of indenture, which is used in the different counties of the State:

#### APPRENTICE INDENTURE.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, }  
 ..... COUNTY. } IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

THIS INDENTURE, Made the....day of....., A. D. one thousand eight hundred and....., between....., Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of..... and State of North Carolina, and his successors in office, of the one part, and....., of the other part,

WITNESSETH, That the said....., Clerk of the Superior Court, in pursuance of an Act of Assembly in that case made and provided, doth put, place and bind....., an orphan, now the age of ....years, ....month..., with the said..... to live after the manner of an apprentice and servant, until the said apprentice shall attain the age of twenty-one years, during all which time the said apprentice....master faithfully shall serve, and....lawful commands everywhere readily obey: The said..... shall not at any time absent h....self from h....master's service, but in all things, as a good and faithful servant, shall behave towards h....master.

And the said..... doth covenant, promise and agree to, and with the said Clerk of the Superior Court, that h....will teach and instruct the said apprentice,

or cause h..... to be instructed, in the art and business of ..... and in all things pertaining thereto, and that h..... will constantly provide for said apprentice, during the term aforesaid, sufficient diet, washing, lodging and apparel, also all other things necessary, both in sickness and in health, and shall teach, or cause to be taught, the said apprentice, reading, writing and arithmetic.

And Further, Shall provide said apprentice, at the end of his apprenticeship, with six dollars in cash, a new suit of clothes and a new Bible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The parties to these presents have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

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| Signed, sealed and delivered in the | } | ..... (Seal.)         |
| presence of                         |   | Clerk Superior Court. |
| .....                               | } | ..... (Seal.)         |

Generally nothing is promised the apprentice, but what is mentioned in the above indenture, and sometimes not even that. It is not strange, therefore, when a boy finds himself bound for a term of years—it may be eight or ten to an employer—and at its conclusion knows that he is to receive as compensation practically nothing but his board and clothes, that he should become dissatisfied, and even render poor service as he broods over the prospect.

The law can and ought to be added to and changed in many particulars, which would be of advantage to all concerned.

Besides the changes which are suggested by the foregoing correspondence, the following additional ones are made by the Bureau:

1. The word "master" wherever it occurs in the law should be stricken out, and in lieu thereof the word employer substituted. No child ought to be reared to regard any one as master. In the past there has been too great a disposition on the part of those to whom apprentices have been bound to regard themselves as masters, to do or not to do, as they pleased, instead of regarding themselves as a party to a contract. Perhaps the terms of the law has had something to do with this. At any rate the word "master" in the law can very well be dispensed with.

2. Strike out the requirement that male apprentices shall be bound until they are twenty-one years old, and females until they are eighteen, and let the statute read that they shall not be bound for a term beyond those years. By that means a child under the law could be bound for a specific service during a term of years, for instance to learn a trade, whereas heretofore the law has not been regarded as framed for that purpose.

3. Wherever an apprentice is bound, besides the stipulations in



reference to maintenance, and instruction in his trade or calling, and in an educational way, the clerk of the court should be required to insert in the indenture what the employer is to pay the apprentice in wages during each year of his apprenticeship, beginning with the first and going to the conclusion. If nothing is to be given, let it appear also. Whatever money is agreed to be paid, should be paid yearly at least, and secured when paid for the future benefit of the apprentice as other moneys belonging to infants. The stipulations that the apprentice is to receive six dollars in cash, a new suit of clothes and a new Bible at the end of his apprenticeship should be stricken out. The mentioning of those stipulations in the statute has been understood to mean that the apprentice was to receive no greater compensation when his apprenticeship was over than that mentioned. There is no doubt that subsection 3 of section 13 has had this effect in the administration of the law, and should be repealed. Let the new Bible spoken of in the statute be given at beginning of the apprenticeship and not at its conclusion.

4. It should be provided in the law that on good cause being shown the requirements of the indenture might be modified by the clerk. It frequently happens that an employer in need of an apprentice would be willing to take one and act justly by him, but is uncertain whether he can undertake to pay more than the minimum required by the statute, fearing that the health of the apprentice may become impaired, or on account of protracted sickness and the cost of medical attendance, loss of time, &c., he may be rendered unable to pay more than the minimum, hence he agrees to pay as little as possible. The law should allow latitude for the best possible results. It would seem that this end might be promoted by leaving the modification of the requirements of the indenture in the hands of the clerk in a proper case. If an employer desires to go out of business or to remove from the State or for other proper cause, the clerk should be allowed to cancel or modify the indentures, and adjust the rights of the parties under such circumstances as justice might dictate.

5. The present law does not give any remedy to an apprentice for a failure to perform the stipulations of the indenture other than a civil judgment for damages as heretofore mentioned. This kind of remedy would be effectual against a solvent person, but such a judg-

ment against an insolvent person amounts to nothing. It very frequently happens that apprentices are bound to just that class of people. No bond is given with responsible sureties, and the apprentice at the end of a term of hard service goes out to work for himself without the aid of the scanty advantages which were promised him at the commencement of his term of apprenticeship. Thus the law fails to provide a remedy for a great wrong. It would be well, therefore, to make the wilful violation of the indentures by an employer a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment at the discretion of the court in addition to the civil remedy. In view of the fact that the present statute allows an apprentice to be punished by imprisonment for failure to serve, it would seem reasonable that the same remedy should be given to an apprentice where he faithfully performs his duties under the indenture, and the employer wilfully fails to perform his. This remedy in such a case is provided in Alabama, and we doubt not, would prove beneficial in this State.

In addition to the foregoing suggestions and the correspondence of the Bureau, we have copied the following from the statutes of the various States, which will, doubtless, give valuable ideas with respect to the consideration of the apprentice law in our own State:

#### ALABAMA.

1. The father, grandfather, mother, grandmother, child or grandchild of any poor persons unable to maintain themselves, being of sufficient ability, must support such persons, and failing to do so, any county in the State having made provision for such persons may sue their father, grandfather, mother, grandmother, child or grandchild of full age, or either of them, before any court having jurisdiction, and recover at the rate of eight dollars a month, for the time such county has made provision for such persons, the court or jury trying the same, being satisfied from the evidence that the defendant was of sufficient ability to provide for their support.

2. On the trial, the certificate of the judge of probate of the county that the person was poor and unable to maintain himself, that he was maintained for such a time at the expense of the county, is presumptive evidence of such facts.

3. If any employer shall violate any duty to his apprentice, as stipulated in the indentures binding said apprentice, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, may be fined or imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

#### ARKANSAS.

1. The father of any minor, or, the father being dead, the mother, when the probate court has not appointed a guardian, may bind their children, being minors, in like manner as guardian, for the purpose of learning some useful art, trade, or employment.



2. In all such covenants by parents, the indenture shall contain the covenant requiring the minors to be sent to school at least one-fourth of their time, after they are seven years old.

3. Such indentures by parents shall not be obligatory until the same shall be approved by the county court and recorded in the office of the Recorder of the county.

## CONNECTICUT.

1. When an indentured apprentice shall leave the service of his master, any Justice of the Peace, on complaint of the master, may issue his warrant to any proper officer to pursue such apprentice, and bring him before the Justice, and if it shall appear that the apprentice has been properly treated by his employer, the said apprentice shall be remanded to his said employer, but if it shall appear that the apprentice has been improperly treated, the facts shall be reported to those who bound the apprentice, whose duty it shall be to take steps to have the indentures binding the apprentice cancelled, and to take such further steps as may be allowed by law.

2. No minor under sixteen years of age, and no woman, shall be employed in laboring in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, more than ten hours per day, except when it is necessary to make repairs to prevent the interruption of the ordinary running of the machinery, or where a different apportionment of the hours of labor is made for the sole purpose of making a shorter day's work for one day in the week, and in no case shall the hours of labor exceed sixty in a week. Every person who wilfully employs, or has in his employment, or under his charge, any person in violation of this section, and every parent or guardian who permits any such minor to be so employed, shall be fined not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence. A certificate of the age of a minor, made by him, or by his parent or guardian at the time of his employment in a manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, shall be conclusive evidence of his age upon any trial of any person, other than the parent or guardian, for violating this section.

3. No child under thirteen years of age shall be employed in any mechanical, mercantile or manufacturing establishment. And any person acting for himself or as agent, in any way whatever, of any mechanical, mercantile or manufacturing establishment, who shall employ, or authorize or permit to be employed in such establishment, any child in violation of this section, shall be fined not more than sixty dollars, and every week of such illegal employment shall be a distinct offence; *provided*, that no person shall be punished under this section for the employment of any child when at the time of such employment the employer shall demand and thereafter during such employment, keep on file the certificate of the parent or guardian of such child, stating that such child is more than thirteen years old. Any parent or guardian who shall sign any certificate that his child or ward is more than thirteen years of age, when in fact such child or ward is under thirteen years of age, shall be fined not more than sixty dollars.

## ILLINOIS.

1. Children under the age of sixteen years may be bound as apprentices until they arrive at that age with or without their consent.

2. Whenever any master of any apprentice shall wish to remove from this State, or to quit his trade or business, it shall be lawful for him to appear with his ap-

prentice before the county court of the proper county, and such court shall have power if deemed expedient to discharge such apprentice from the service of such master.

3. Every person who shall counsel, persuade or entice any apprentice to run away or absent himself from the service of his master, or to rebel against or assault his master, shall forfeit and pay not less than twenty dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, to be sued for and recovered with costs by such master in any court of competent jurisdiction.

#### INDIANA.

1. Whenever a child over fourteen years of age is bound his or her assent to the indentures, expressed thereon, and attested by his or her signature, shall be necessary to their validity. Any minor over the age of fourteen, having neither father, mother, nor guardian may bind him or herself with the consent of the judge of the court, having probate jurisdiction in the county, to be testified by his endorsement on the indenture.

2. All indentures shall be signed and acknowledged by the parties thereto, before some officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds, and shall be in two parts; one to be kept by the master or mistress, the other to be filed in the office of the clerk of the court having probate jurisdiction in the county for the use of the apprentice. The indenture shall be recorded in a book provided for the purpose, for which the master or masters shall pay a fee of fifty cents. Such indenture when so acknowledged, or such record, or a copy thereof, duly certified, may be read in evidence without further proof.

3. There shall be essential to the validity of any indenture binding a white apprentice who has more than three years to serve, an agreement on the part of the master or mistress to cause the apprentice to be taught to read and write, and the rules of arithmetic to the double rule of three, inclusive, if practicable, and in any writ for the breach of such agreement, the measure of damages shall be what the value of the instruction not given would have been to the apprentice, if given, to be ascertained by the verdict of a jury.

4. All valuable agreement on the part of the master or mistress, contained in any indenture, shall be for the benefit of the apprentice, and if stipulated therein to be for the benefit of any other person, they shall stand for the benefit of such apprentice, and may be sued on and recovered in his name.

5. No action shall be commenced on any indenture after two years from the expiration of the term of service.

6. The master shall not compel any apprentice to work more than ten hours per day, unless he pays him an additional compensation for the same.

6. Any manual labor school organized and incorporated under any general or special law of this State is hereby authorized and empowered to accept and execute indentures of apprenticeship, according to the provision of the statute in such cases made and provided, and to have the same rights and assume the same liabilities thereunder as in case of natural persons.

7. Such indenture shall be executed for and in the name of such corporation by the trustees thereof, or by some officer or person thereto authorized by such trustees; and such trustees shall be personally liable during the existence of such indentures for the performance of all covenants and agreements therein stipulated.



## KENTUCKY.

1. If any person shall entice away an apprentice from his master, he shall pay therefor three dollars for every day the apprentice shall remain out of the service of the master, and any person who shall knowingly conceal, harbor or employ such apprentice, shall in like manner pay the master therefor three dollars per day for every day such apprentice shall be so concealed, harbored or employed.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

1. No child under ten years of age shall be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment in this commonwealth; and any parent or guardian who permits such employment shall for such offence forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for the use of the public schools of the city or town.

2. No child under fourteen years of age shall be so employed, except during the vacation of the public schools, unless during the year next preceding such employment he has for at least twenty weeks attended some public or private day school, and no child shall be so employed who does not present a certificate made by or under the direction of the school committee of his compliance with the requirements of this section.

3. Every owner, superintendent or overseer of an establishment who employs or permits to be employed therein a child under fourteen years of age who cannot read and write while the public schools in the city or town where such child lives, are in session, and parent or guardian who permits such employment shall for every such offence forfeit not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for the use of the public schools of such city or town.

## MINNESOTA.

1. Whenever an apprentice is bound for a term less than three years, the agreement in reference to the instruction of such minor may be made as shall be deemed right.

2. All considerations of money or other things, paid or allowed by the master upon any indenture of apprenticeship or service, shall be paid or secured to the sole use of the minor bound thereby.

3. All persons shall enquire into the treatment of apprentices bound by them, respectively, or with their approbation, and of all bound by their predecessors in office, and defend them from all cruelty, neglect and breach of contract on the part of their masters.

## MISSOURI.

1. All minors may be bound as apprentices to some appropriate industry, art, calling or trade, males to the age of twenty-one years and females to the age of eighteen, or to the time of their marriage within that age, in the manner prescribed in this chapter.

2. Minors under the age of fourteen years may be bound by their father, or, in case of his death, incompetency, or where he shall have wilfully abandoned his family for six months without making suitable provisions for their support, or has become an habitual drunkard, by their mother or by their legal guardian; and

if illegitimate, they may be bound by their mother; and if they have no parent competent to act, and no guardian, they may bind themselves, with the approbation of the probate court of the county where they reside; but the power of a mother to bind her children, whether legitimate or illegitimate, shall cease upon her subsequent marriage, and shall not be exercised by herself or her husband at any time during such marriage.

3. Minors above the age of fourteen years may be bound in the same manner; *provided*, that when they are bound by their parent or guardian, the consent of the minor shall be expressed in the indenture, and testified to by his signing the same.

4. The executor who, by the will of a father, is directed to bring up his child in some trade or calling, shall have the power to bind such child, by indenture, in like manner as the father, if living, might have done, or shall raise such child according to such direction.

5. When any poor child is, or may be chargeable to the county, or shall beg for alms, or when the parents of such children are poor, and the father an habitual drunkard, or, if there be no father, when the mother is of bad character, or suffers her children to grow up in habits of idleness, without any visible means of obtaining an honest livelihood, it shall be lawful for the probate court to bind such child an apprentice until, if male, he arrives at the age of twenty-one years, and if female, to the age of eighteen years.

6. Every orphan minor, who has an estate not sufficient for his maintenance, may be bound by his guardian, under the order and direction of the probate court; and the indenture binding such minor shall be as effectual as if such minor was of full age, and the counterpart of such indenture shall, for the benefit of the minor so bound, be deposited with the clerk of the probate court in which such binding shall take place, for safe keeping.

7. Incapacity, desertion or drunkenness shall be decided in the probate court, by the Judge thereof, or by a jury, if one be demanded, before the indenture shall take effect; and an indorsement on the indenture, under the seal of the court, that the same are proved, shall be sufficient evidence of the mother's or guardian's power to give such consent; but if the Judge or jury do not find the charge of incapacity, drunkenness or indiscretion to be true, the person at whose instance such proceedings may have been had shall pay all costs attending the same.

8. No minor shall be bound, as aforesaid, unless by an indenture of two parts, sealed and delivered by both parties, and when made with the approbation of the probate court, or the judge thereof, its approbation shall be certified in writing, indorsed upon each part of the indenture. One part of the indenture shall be kept for the use of the minor, by his parent or guardian, when executed by them, and when made with the approbation of the probate court, shall be deposited with the clerk, and be safely kept in his office for the use of the minor.

9. The age of every apprentice shall be inserted in the indentures; and all indentures entered into otherwise than as herein provided, shall be, as to all apprentices under age, utterly void.

10. Parents and guardians and the probate court shall enquire into the treatment of the children bound by them, or with their approbation, and of all who shall have been bound by or with the approbation of their predecessors in office, and defend them from all cruelty, neglect and breach of contract on the part of their



employers. Employers of apprentices shall be required, in their indentures, made by the probate court, or with its approbation, to make a report to the court in regard to the progress and general condition of the apprentice, and as to his moral, mental and physical condition, as often as may be deemed necessary by the said court, which shall be at least once in two years, which report shall be required under the same pains and penalties and regulations as is required of general and testamentary guardians.

11. The probate court shall hear the complaints of apprentices who reside within the county, against their masters, alleging undeserved or immoderate correction, insufficient allowance of food, raiment or lodging, want of instruction in their trade or calling, or that they are in danger of being removed out of this State, or the violation of the indenture of apprenticeship, and may hear and determine such cases by jury or otherwise, and make such order therein as will relieve the party of injury in the future.

12. The probate court shall be empowered, upon complaint being filed by the employer, that an apprentice has without cause, left his service, to cause the same to be inquired into by a jury or otherwise, and make such order or orders in the premises as may be just and proper.

13. The probate court shall have power, when circumstances require it, to discharge an apprentice from his apprenticeship; and in case any money or other thing has been paid by either party in relation to such apprenticeship, the court shall make such order concerning the same as shall seem just and reasonable. If the apprentice so discharged shall have been originally bound by the probate court, it shall be the duty of the court, if they judge necessary again to bind such an apprentice, if under age.

14. Every master shall be liable to an action on the indenture for the breach of covenant on his part therein contained; and all damages recovered in such action, after deducting the necessary charges in prosecuting the same, shall be the property of the minor, and shall be applied and appropriated to his use by the person who shall recover the same, and shall be paid to the minor, if male, at the age of twenty-one years, and if female, at the age of eighteen years, or at the time of her marriage within that age.

15. If such action is not brought during the minority of such apprentice, he may commence such action in his own name at any time within two years after he becomes of age, and not after.

16. If any such apprentice shall be guilty of any gross misbehavior, or refusal to do his duty, or wilful neglect thereof, his master may make his complaint to the probate court of the county in which he resides, setting forth the circumstances of the case, to which complaint shall be attached a citation, signed by the clerk of said court, requiring the apprentice and all persons who have covenanted on his behalf to appear and answer to such complaint, which complaint and citation shall be served on them in the usual manner of serving civil process.

17. The court shall proceed to hear and determine the cause, with or without a jury, and after a full hearing of the parties, or of the complainant alone, if the adverse party shall neglect to appear after due notice, the court may render judgment or decree that the master be discharged from the contract of apprenticeship or service, and for the costs of the suit; such costs to be recovered of the parent or guardian of the minor, if there be any, who signed the indenture, and execu-



tion be issued therefor accordingly; and if there be no parent or guardian liable for such costs, execution may be issued therefor against the minor, or the amount thereof may be recovered in an action against him after he shall arrive at full age; and any minor discharged as aforesaid may be bound out anew.

18. The parties to such indentures shall also be liable so the master, in an action on the indenture for the breach of any covenant on their part therein contained, committed before the master was so discharged from such indenture.

19. If any such apprentice shall wilfully absent himself from the service of his master, or shall run away, so that the master shall be deprived of his services during the remainder of the term, or any part thereof, for which he was bound to serve, or shall violate any of the stipulations in said indenture, the master may recover such damages as he has sustained thereby, in an action against such minor, provided there is no other person liable in such indenture.

20. When any apprentice, or master shall be discharged from any indenture, in pursuance of the provisions of this chapter, and any sum of money shall have been paid or agreed for by either party on the execution of said indenture, the court may, at the time they discharge such person from the indenture, make such order in regard to the money paid or to be paid as shall be just and equitable.

21. Every person who shall counsel, persuade, entice or assist any apprentice to run away or absent himself from his employer's service, shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be used for and recovered with costs by such employer in any court having jurisdiction.

22. It shall not be lawful for any employer to remove an apprentice out of this State. Whenever any master of an apprentice shall wish to remove out of this State, or to quit his trade or business, he shall appear with his apprentice before the probate court of the proper county, and if the court be satisfied the master has done justice to the said apprentice for the time he has had charge of him, such court shall have power to discharge such apprentice from the service of such master, and again bind him, if necessary, to some other person.

23. The provisions of this chapter shall apply as well to mistresses, female guardians, apprentices and wards, respectively, as to male employers, male guardians, apprentices and wards.

#### OHIO.

1. If the conduct and habit of an apprentice become immoral and dissolute in disregard of the command of his or her employer, and their authority be exerted for his reformation without effect, the employer may complain to any justice of the peace of the township, who shall give notice to the parent or guardian and apprentice to appear before him, when a jury shall be empanelled to try the matter, and if upon an investigation, the jurors are of opinion that the employer should be discharged from his covenant, they shall certify the same in writing to the justice, who shall enter the same upon his docket, and thereupon the indenture shall be void, but no judgment for costs shall be entered against the parent or guardian, but the same shall be paid, except the costs of the witnesses for the minor by the employer.



## NEW JERSEY.

1. If any master or mistress shall be guilty of any misuseage, refusal of necessary provisions or clothing, unreasonable correction, or other ill treatment, or if the said apprentice shall absent himself, or herself, from the service of his or her master or mistress, or be guilty of any misdemeanor or ill behavior, or not do his or her duty, then the said master or mistress, or the said apprentice being aggrieved, shall repair to some justice of the peace in the county, who shall take such action between the parties as the equity of the case shall require, and if the said justice cannot settle the matter between them, then the said justice shall call to his assistance two other justices of the peace of the said county, unconnected with the parties, which three justices, when met, shall hear the matters in difference, and shall have authority to discharge, if they think proper, by writing under their hands and seals, or the hands and seals of any two of them, the said apprentice, and adjust the rights of the parties as to any matters pertaining to the apprenticeship as they shall think just and reasonable, and if any of the parties shall be dissatisfied with the judgment of the said justices, they may appeal to the next term of the court of the county, upon giving notice of said appeal to adverse party within six days, and enter into bond conditioned to try such appeal, to abide the judgment of the court, and to pay such costs as shall be adjudged to be paid by the court.

## NEW YORK.

SECTION 1. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons in this State to employ or take as an apprentice any minor person to learn the art or mystery of any trade or craft without first having obtained the consent of such person's legal guardian or guardians, nor shall any minor person be taken as an apprentice aforesaid unless an agreement or indenture be drawn up in writing in accordance with the provisions of this act, and duly executed under seal by the person or persons employing said apprentice, and also by the parent or parents, if any be living or by the guardian or guardians of said apprentice and likewise by said minor persons so becoming an apprentice.

SEC. 2. Said indenture, in order to make the law valid, shall contain the following covenants and provisions:

(1.) That said minor person shall be bound to serve his employer or employers for a term of not less than three nor more than five years.

(2.) That said minor person so indentured shall not leave his said employer or employers during the term for which he shall be indentured, and if any said apprentice so indentured as aforesaid shall leave his said employer or employers, except as hereinafter provided the said employer or employers may compel the return of the said apprentice under the penalties of this act.

(3.) That said employer or employers shall covenant and agree in said indenture to provide at all times during the continuance of the same, suitable and proper board, lodging and medical attendance for said apprentice, and said employer or employers shall also further covenant or agree to teach or cause to be carefully and skillfully taught to his or their apprentice every branch of his or their business to which said apprentice may be indentured, and said employer or employers shall be further bound at the expiration of said apprenticeship to give to said apprentice a certificate in writing stating that said apprentice has served a full term



of apprenticeship of not less than three nor more than five years at such trade or craft as may be specified in said indenture.

SEC. 3. Any person or persons taking an apprentice without complying with the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the court of general or special sessions held in and for the county in which the business of said employer or employers may be conducted, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, the fine to be paid to the treasurer of said county for the use and benefit of the county.

SEC. 4. Any and all indentures made under and in pursuance of the provisions of this act shall not be cancelled or annulled before the expiration of the term of said indentures, except in case of death or by order or judgment of the superior court of the county in which the indenture is made for good cause shown by either the employer or his apprentice. Any apprentice so indentured who shall leave his employer or employers without his or their consent, or without sufficient cause, and shall refuse to return, may be arrested upon the complaint of said employer or employers and taken before any magistrate having jurisdiction of misdemeanors, who may cancel said indentures, and on conviction, may commit said apprentice to the house of correction or county jail in and for said county for such length of time as such magistrate may deem just, or until said apprentice agrees to abide by the indenture; and in case said apprentice so indentured shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his portion of the contract as specified in said indenture then said indenture may be cancelled in the manner aforesaid, and said apprentice so violating said indentures, shall forfeit all back pay and all claims against said employer or employers, and said indentures shall be cancelled.

SEC. 5. Should any employer or employers neglect or refuse to teach, or cause to be taught to said apprentice the art or mystery of the trade or craft to which said apprentice has been indentured, or fail at any time to provide suitable and proper board, lodging and medical attendance, said apprentice, individually, or his parent or parents, guardian or guardians, may bring an action against said employer or employers to recover damages sustained by reason of said neglect or refusal; and if proved to the satisfaction of the Court, said Court shall direct said indentures to be cancelled, and may impose a fine on said employer or employers, not exceeding one thousand dollars and not less than one hundred dollars, and said fine shall be collected and paid over to said apprentice or his parent or guardian for his sole use and benefit.

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SEC. 7. If any apprentice, lawfully bound to service, shall wilfully absent himself from such service without the leave of his employer, he may be compelled to serve double the time of such absence, unless he shall otherwise make satisfaction for the loss and injury sustained by such absence; but such additional term of service shall not extend beyond three years next after the end of the original term of service.

SEC. 8. No person shall accept from any journeyman or apprentice any contract or agreement, nor cause him to be bound by oath or otherwise, that after his term of service expired, such journeyman or apprentice shall not set up his trade, profession or employment at any particular place or shop, nor shall any person exact from any journeyman or apprentice after his term of service expired, any money or other thing for using and exercising his trade, profession or em-



ployment in any place—and any money or valuable thing delivered for the consideration in part or in whole of any such agreement or exaction may be recovered back by the person paying the same with interest, besides the person so exacting money or other thing as aforesaid, shall forfeit one hundred dollars to the apprentice or journeyman from whom the same shall be received.

SEC. 9. The provisions of this title shall apply as well to mistresses, female guardians, apprentices and wards, respectively, as to male employers, male guardians, apprentices and wards.

The foregoing law is intended to enable apprentices to be bound for a term of years to learn trades. Many parents are unwilling to see their children bound for the period of their minority, but are willing that they should be indentured from three to five years to learn a trade. Some such law as the foregoing, affording protection both to employers and apprentices, would doubtless meet a felt want and prove beneficial in facilitating the binding of apprentices. The present verbal method of apprenticing often proves unsatisfactory. Under it an employer not being compelled to teach the apprentice the different branches of the trade in which he is employed, keeps him engaged at that branch of the business for which he is most apt, and thus the apprentice finishes the period allotted for him to learn a trade without any comprehensive idea of it. In this way the employer commits a wrong against the apprentice, which would probably have been avoided if there had been a written contract.

On the other hand, it frequently happens that boys are put to learn a trade, and very soon after they commence begin to think a great deal about the money they can get for their work, and very little about the knowledge which they ought to obtain of their trade, and hence when they see a chance to obtain a slight advance upon their wages, change their employers, and thus they go from one to another during the period in which they should have been taught proficiency in their calling without making much progress in it. Apprentices thereby get all they can for their work, and employers get all they can for their money. There is little doubt, however, that in the end the apprentice, the employer and the State are all injured by this course.

A law which would lessen verbal apprenticing, some such as the New York law, would no doubt aid in producing better mechanics in the State, an end very much to be desired. A great many correspondents of the Bureau mention the disturbing influence of the pres-

ent system of learning trades as one of positive injury to the skilled mechanics of the State. Attention is therefore called to the foregoing law as one of the methods to remedy the evils complained of.

#### FORM OF INDENTURE.

The apprentice indenture to learn trade in New York is as follows :

This agreement between ..... employer and....., a minor, of the age of ..... years, by and with the consent of ..... the said minor's parent or guardian as the case may be: *Witnesseth*, That the said....., a minor, has voluntarily and of his own free will and accord put and bound himself to ..... employer, as an apprentice to learn the art or mystery of the trade or craft of .....; and as an apprentice, the said....., covenants and agrees to serve from this date for and during and until the end of a term of ..... years from the date of this indenture, and the said..... hereby covenants not to leave his said employer during said term, and during all said time the said apprentice his employer faithfully, honestly and industriously covenants to serve, his secrets to keep, all lawful commands readily to obey, and at all times to protect and preserve the property of his said employer, and not suffer or allow any to be injured or wasted, and he will not buy, sell or traffic with his own goods, or the goods of others, nor be absent from his said employer's service day or night without leave, and in all things behave as a faithful apprentice ought to do during the said term. And the said employer covenants to use and employ the utmost of his endeavors to teach, or cause the said apprentice to be carefully and skillfully taught or instructed in every branch of the art or mystery of the trade or craft of.....

And the said..... employer, agrees to pay the said....., apprentice, during the term of his apprenticeship as compensation for his services the following amounts, to be paid yearly or monthly, (the indentures fixing the amount to be paid to the apprentice, of the money received, and the amount to be paid to the parent or guardian, and how the funds so paid to the parent or guardian shall be held or disposed of.)

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| For the first | year..... | dollars per year or month. |
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And the said employer further covenants to provide at all times during the continuance of said term suitable and proper board, lodging and medical attendance for said apprentice, and at the expiration of said apprenticeship to give said apprentice a certificate in writing, stating that said apprentice has served a full term of apprenticeship at the trade of.....

And it is further covenanted that if the said apprentice shall lose any considerable time on account of sickness or other cause during his term of service, a just amount shall be allowed for the same in the settlements made between the said apprentice and his employer to be determined, in case of disagreement, by three disinterested arbitrators, one to be selected by each party, and these two to select a third, and the determination of two of said arbitrators to be final. And for the



true performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the parties bind themselves each unto the other firmly by these presents.

-----, (Seal.)

*Employer.*

-----, (Seal.)

*Apprentice.*

I do hereby consent to, ratify and approve of the binding of -----, as an apprentice, as set forth in the above indenture. This ---- day of ----, 18---

-----, (Seal.)

*Parent.*

-----, (Seal.)

*Guardian.*

The following is for the purpose of enabling charitable institutions to bind youths in their charge to useful trades in New York:

SECTION 1. Every society or association incorporated under the laws of this State for the purpose of taking care of and protecting destitute minor children, may, with the consent of the Superior Court Clerk of the county where the proposed employer resides, such consent to be expressed in writing on the indentures, bind out any destitute minor child or children, which have been in their care and keeping for three months, of the age of eight years and upwards, by indenture, to serve as clerk, apprentice or servant in any profession, trade or employment; if a male, for a period which shall not be beyond his twenty-first year, and if a female for a period which shall not be beyond her eighteenth year.

SEC. 2. Such indenture shall be executed under seal, and signed by such officers of such society or association as shall be authorized by the directors or trustees of such society or association to sign such indenture, and shall be signed also by the person employing such apprentice or minor child.

SEC. 3. The age of every infant so bound, and the sum of money paid or agreed for with or in relation to the binding out of such minor child, shall be inserted in the indenture, and such age shall be taken *prima facie* to be the true age, without further proof thereof.

SEC. 4. The indenture shall contain an agreement on the part of the person to whom such child shall be bound, that he will cause such child to be instructed to read and write, and, if a male, shall cause him to be instructed in the general rules of arithmetic, and shall contain such other provisions for the benefit of such infant as shall be deemed proper by any of the officers or trustees of said society or association, and which shall be agreed to by such person receiving such infant.

SEC. 5. Should such employer fail at any time to provide suitable and proper board, lodging and medical attendance, or shall fail to perform any of the provisions of said indenture on his part, said apprentice, individually, or any person on his behalf may bring an action against said employer to recover damages sustained by reason of such failure, and if proved to the satisfaction of the Court, and the Court shall deem it a proper case, the Court shall direct said indentures to be cancelled, and may impose a fine upon such employer not exceeding one thousand dollars, and not less than one hundred dollars, and said judgment shall be col-

lected and paid over to said society or association which formerly had the custody of such child, to be used for the benefit of such minor in such manner as the trustees thereof shall direct.

SEC. 6. The Clerks of the Superior Courts and magistrates in the several counties of the State shall be the guardians of every person bound or held to service in their respective counties, to take care that the terms of the contracts of service be fulfilled, and that the apprentices be properly used; and it is hereby made their special duty to inquire into the treatment of every such person and redress any grievance in the manner prescribed by law.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

1. No minor under the age of twelve years shall be employed in or about any manufacturing establishment, in any manufacturing process, or in any labor incident to a manufacturing process.

2. No minor under the age of fifteen years shall be employed in any manufacturing establishment in this State unless such minor shall have attended school for a term of at least three months in the year next preceding the time when such minor shall be so employed; and no such minor shall be so employed for more than nine months in any one calendar year.

3. No minor who has attained the age of twelve years, and is under the age of fifteen years, shall be employed in any manufacturing establishment more than eleven hours in any one day, nor before five o'clock in the morning, nor after half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

4. Every owner, employer or agent of a manufacturing establishment, who shall knowingly and wilfully employ any minor, and every parent or guardian who shall permit or consent to the employment of his or her minor child or ward, contrary to the provisions of the preceding three sections, shall forfeit twenty dollars for each offence, to be recovered by a justice of the peace of the county where such child shall reside, or in which the manufacturing establishment is situated, one half thereof to the use of the complainant, and one-half thereof to the use of the district school of the district in which such manufacturing establishment shall be situated.

5. Every such complaint shall be commenced within thirty days after the offence complained of shall have been committed, with right of appeal, as in other criminal cases.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whoever being liable as parent, guardian, master or mistress, to provide for any child, apprentice, or servant, or helpless person necessary food, clothing or lodging, shall wilfully and without excuse, refuse or neglect to provide the same, or shall unlawfully and maliciously do or cause to be done any bodily harm to any such child, apprentice, servant or helpless person, so that the life of such child or children, apprentice, servant or helpless person shall be endangered, or their health shall have been or is likely to be permanently injured, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding two years with or without hard labor, at the discretion of the Court.



## VIRGINIA.

1. When a Court makes an order allowing a minor to be bound as an apprentice, it shall inquire and direct whether the master, besides maintaining the apprentice and teaching him, shall pay anything for his services, and, if anything, how much, and for which year or years, the writing by which the minor is bound shall bind the master to pay what may be so directed. For such payment, bond shall be taken by the overseers binding such minor if the Court require it.

2. The writing by which any minor is bound, and any bond taken from the employer, shall, within six months from the date thereof, be filed in the Clerk's office of the Court of the county or corporation in which the same may be executed. Unless so filed, the master shall not be entitled to the services of the apprentice.

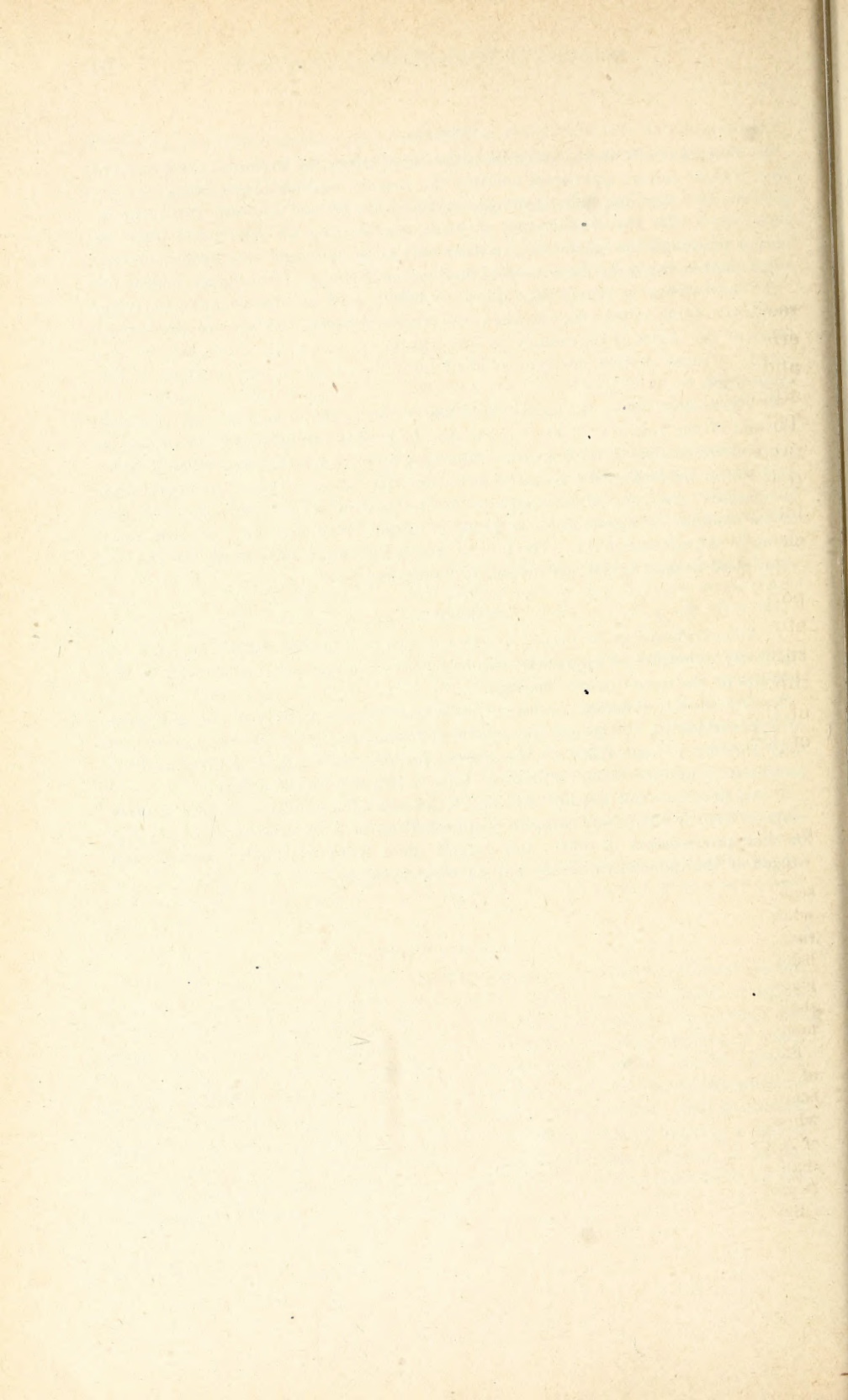
3. The money which the master is to pay for any year except the last, shall, at the end of the year for which it is payable, be paid to the father of the minor, or the mother, or part to each, as the Court may direct; or it may be reserved to be paid to the apprentice at the end of his term with interest. Such directions may be changed from time to time, on motion of the overseers of the poor, or of the father, mother or apprentice, on proof of notice of such motion having been given to the adverse party. The money which the employer is to pay for the last year, shall be paid at the end thereof to the apprentice.

## WISCONSIN.

1. All considerations of money or other things paid or allowed by the employer upon any indenture of apprenticeship or service, shall be paid or secured to the sole use of the minor bound thereby.

2. Any parent, guardian or other person may become a party to any indenture of apprenticeship, by signing and sealing the same, together with the minor, and may thereby become liable to the master for the performance of any or all the covenants contained in such indenture to be performed by the minor.

3. All persons shall inquire into the treatment of apprentices bound by them respectively, or with their consent or approbation, or who shall have been bound by their predecessors in office, and defend them from all cruelty, neglect and breach of the indentures, on the part of their masters.





## CHAPTER IV.

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### MANUAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.

The subject of Manual and Technical Training is and has been receiving considerable attention in some of the Northern and Western States in recent years. In these States a great number of manual and technical schools have been established, and their work has been attended with such satisfactory results as to render them very popular. Those who have come in closest contact with them are found to be their warmest supporters. Indeed, their influence has so widened that manual and technical education has obtained a hold upon the public mind which is very considerable, and in the future will exercise, it is believed, a marked effect upon the education of the country.

In this State, while it has not received that attention which its importance would seem to demand, yet it has nevertheless received some attention—enough to cause the establishment of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Raleigh. This was accomplished through the energy and persistence of some of the progressive men of the State. Through their efforts, the Legislature, at the session of 1885, passed the following act :

#### CHAPTER 308.

##### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :*

SECTION 1. That the Board of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to seek proposals of donations for the establishment of an industrial school, and when any city or town shall donate in land, buildings, machinery or other materials, or money, an amount adequate in the judgment of said Board for the establishment of said industrial school, it shall be their duty to locate the same at such place. And if there be more than one city or town making such proposals, it shall be the duty of the Board to locate it at the place offering the greatest inducement.

SEC. 2. The Board of Agriculture shall direct the organization and equipment of the said school, and shall manage and control the same in conjunction with a board of three directors appointed by the Board of Aldermen of the city or town whose proposal is accepted. The local board of directors may sit with the Board of Agriculture in advisement upon all matters pertaining to the said school, but shall not have power to vote upon questions involving appropriations from the Department of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. That instruction shall be provided in this school in wood-work, mining

metallurgy, practical agriculture, and in such other branches of industrial education as may be deemed expedient.

SEC. 4. That the Board of Agriculture shall apply to the establishment and maintenance of said school such part of their funds as is not required to conduct the regular work of the department: *Provided*, not more than five thousand dollars of their funds shall be applied to the establishment of the school in one year.

Under the above act the city of Raleigh made the best offer to secure the location of the Industrial School, and it was determined by the Board of Agriculture to locate the same at Raleigh.

At a convention of the farmers of the State, held in January, 1887, in Raleigh, they requested the Legislature to establish an Agricultural College for the benefit of the sons of the farmers of the State, where they might be instructed in regard to the best methods of farming, &c. The friends of the proposed Industrial School and Agricultural College, believing that both could be best secured and maintained together, determined to co-operate in seeking the establishment of an agricultural and mechanical college in the State. They therefore asked and obtained the passage of the following supplementary act by the Legislature of 1887:

#### CHAPTER 410.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTAL TO CHAPTER 308, LAWS OF 1885, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL."

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

SECTION 1. That the industrial school provided for in chapter 308, laws of 1885, shall be denominated "The North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," and shall be located on the lands offered to be donated, in accordance with the provisions of said law, by R. Stanhope Pullen, of Raleigh, Wake county, lying west and near the city of Raleigh.

SEC. 2. The leading object of this college shall be without excluding other scientific and classical studies to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life.

SEC. 3. The management and control of said college, and the care and preservation of all its property shall be vested in a board of trustees to be composed of the Board of Agriculture of North Carolina and five other persons who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate, who shall have power to appoint its president, instructors and as many officers and servants as to them shall appear necessary and proper, and shall affix their salaries and prescribe their duties; they shall also prescribe rules for the management and preservation of good order and morals at the said college as are usually made in such institutions and are not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of the State; have charge of the disbursement of its funds and have general and entire super-



vision of the establishment and maintenance of the said college. And the president and instructors in the said college by and with the consent of the said board of trustees, shall have the power of conferring such certificates of proficiency or marks of merit as are usually conferred by such colleges: *Provided*, that the board of trustees shall be composed half of each political party.

SEC. 4. The certificates of indebtedness of this State for one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars issued for the principal of the land scrip fund to the trustees of the University of North Carolina, and bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, shall be transferred on the thirtieth day of June, 1888, or as soon thereafter as it shall appear that the agricultural and mechanical college is ready to receive the interest on the land scrip fund, and that the principal of the fund will not in any way be compromised by such transfer to the said board of trustees for the benefit of the said North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and the interest thereon shall thereafter be paid to them by the treasurer semi-annually on the first day of July and January in each year for the purpose of aiding in the support of said college, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, entitled "an act donating public lands to the several States and Territories, which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts."

SEC. 5. That the directors of the North Carolina State Penitentiary shall be required to furnish all brick and stone requisite for the erection of the necessary buildings of the said college, and to furnish convict labor for the preparation of the grounds and the foundations, the erection of the said buildings, and for such other purposes in connection with the establishment of said college as they may be able, such material and labor to be free of charge to said college: *Provided*, that the work required of the penitentiary shall not interfere with any contracts upon which the penitentiary may be engaged, and that the work by the penitentiary shall be limited to two years from date.

SEC. 6. That the board of agriculture shall turn over to the board of trustees of said college as provided in this act, to be applied to the establishment, maintenance and enlargement of the said college, all funds, lands, material and other property which have accumulated in their hands for the establishment of an industrial school under chapter 308, laws of 1885, and annually thereafter the whole residue of their funds from license on fertilizers, remaining over and not required to conduct the regular work of that department. The agricultural experiment and fertilizer control station already established under the management of the said board of agriculture, shall be connected with the said college, and the board of agriculture may turn over to said trustees, in whole or in part, for the purposes of said college, any buildings, lands, laboratories, museums or other property which may be in their possession, as in their judgment may be thought proper. The said board of trustees are empowered to receive any donations of property, real or personal, which may be made to the said College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and shall have the power to invest or expend the same for the benefit of said college. The said board of agriculture shall have power to accept on behalf of this State donations of property, real or personal and any appropriations, which may be made by the Congress of the United States to the several States and Territories for the benefit of agricultural experiment stations, and they shall expend the



whole amount so received for the benefit of the aforesaid agricultural experiment station and in accordance with the act or acts of Congress in relation thereto.

SEC. 7. The use of the three hundred acres of land, more or less, known as the Camp Mangum tract, belonging to the State of North Carolina, and situated one-half mile west of the State Fair Grounds, is hereby given to said board of trustees for the benefit of said College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, or the Experiment Station connected therewith.

SEC. 8. The board of trustees shall admit to the benefits of the said college free of any charges for tuition upon proper evidences of good moral character and of their inability, or the inability of their parents or guardians to pay their tuition, a certain number of youths, to be determined by them, not to be less than one hundred and twenty, and shall apportion the same to the different counties, applying according to the relative number of members in the House of Representatives of North Carolina. The said board are hereby empowered to make necessary regulations for carrying this into effect, and for the admission of other students.

SEC. 9. Every student in this College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts shall be required to take a course of manual training or labor, together with the other courses of study and exercise, as the board shall direct.

SEC. 10. All laws and sections of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

By the passage of this statute, the original plans for the Industrial School were much enlarged, and means provided for the accomplishment of the purposes contemplated by the friends of manual and technical training in North Carolina, both with respect to agriculture as well as the mechanic arts.

As directed by the above law, the trustees mentioned in the same during the past year commenced the erection of a building for the use of the college on an eligible tract of land about a mile west of the city of Raleigh, donated for the purpose by R. Stanhope Pullen, Esq., a liberal and public-spirited citizen of said city.

The corner-stone of the building for the College was laid with imposing Masonic ceremonies on the 22d of August last, at which time interesting addresses were delivered by Gov. Scales, Gen. Rufus Barringer and W. J. Peele, Esq., on the subject of manual and technical education, in the presence of a large and interested audience from our own and other Southern States, the Inter-State Farmers' Convention of the South being in session at Raleigh at the time.

The college building, whose corner-stone was so auspiciously laid, is nearly completed, and will be ready for students during the present year, and doubtless will be opened for them during the coming fall.



This is what has been accomplished thus far towards securing manual and technical training in North Carolina by the State, and the development of this beginning will be watched with interest, especially by the progressive men of the commonwealth. When we remember that the purpose of this college is to foster agriculture and the mechanic arts, and reflect upon our needs in these respects, we can but conclude that the College has a broad field for usefulness in this State, which cannot be too soon occupied. If our State is to be influenced by the policy of those States in which these schools have been established, and in which they have passed beyond the experimental stage, the work of the College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts will receive such support as will enable it to carry out its purposes without being cramped for necessary means. While agricultural and mechanical instruction may be in the initial stage with us, with others it is neither initial nor experimental. It has accomplished the most beneficent results, and it will do the same for our people if it has an opportunity.

Perhaps the opinions of those who have given manual and technical training great attention in other parts of the country, will be of interest to those among our own people interested in the subject. We therefore give some extracts on manual and technical training, from the leaders of thought, with respect to it, in other States of the Union :

Edward Atkinson, the eminent economist, says :

“ We have proved here in Boston, and the lesson has been taken from here to St. Louis and other cities, that while the instruction of the head is going on, the universal tool—the human hand—can also be trained to metal-working, to carpentry and to other arts; not with a view of preparing a boy for either of these particular arts, but that in learning the rudiments of them he may learn to apply brain, eye and hand together to any of the arts which he may take up for his life work. We have run the education of the brain in the ground and neglected the hand.”

Professor C. M. Woodward, Superintendent of the Manual Training School, at St. Louis, Mo., says upon the subject of manual training in schools the following :

“ We do not wish or propose to neglect or underrate literary and scientific culture; we strive to include all the elements in just proportion. When the manual

elements which are essential to a liberal education are universally accepted and incorporated into American schools, the word 'manual' may very properly be dropped.

"I use the word 'liberal' in its strict sense of 'free.' No education can be 'free' which leaves the child no choice, or which leaves a bias against any honorable occupation; which walls up the avenues of approach to any vocation requiring intelligence and skill. A truly liberal education educates equally for all spheres of usefulness; it furnishes the broad foundation on which to build the superstructure of a happy, useful and successful life. To be sure, this claim has been made for the old education, but the claim is not allowed. The new education has the missing features all supplied. The old education was like a two-legged stool, it lacked stability. The new education stands squarely on three legs, and is steady on the roughest ground.

"I claim as the fruits of manual labor, when combined, as it always should be, with generous mental and moral training, the following :

"1. *Boys will stay in school longer than they do now.*—Every one knows how classes of boys diminish as they approach and pass through the high school. The deserters scale the walls and break for the shelter of active life. The drill is unattractive, and so far as they can see, of comparatively little value. There is a wide conviction of this inutility of schooling for the great mass of children beyond the primary grades, and this conviction is not limited to any class or grade of intelligence.

"From the observed influence of manual training upon boys and indirectly upon the parents, I am led to claim that when the last year of grammar and high schools include manual training, they will meet a much wider demand; that the education they afford will be really more valuable; and, consequently, that the attendance of boys will be more than doubled. Add the manual elements with their freshness and variety, their delightful shop exercises, their healthy, intellectual and moral atmosphere, and the living reality of their work, and *the boys will stay in school.* Such a result would be an unmixed good. I have seen boys doing well in a manual training school who could not have been forced to attend an ordinary school.

"2. *Better Intellectual Development.*—I am met here with the objection that I am aiming at an impossibility; that, if I attempt to round out education by the introduction of manual training, to develop the creative or executive side, I shall certainly curtail it of elements more valuable still; that the educational cup is now full; and that if I pour in my gross material notions on one side, some of the most precious intellectual fluid will certainly flow out on the other.

"Now, I deny that the introduction of manual training does of necessity force out any essential feature of mental and moral culture. The cup may be, and probably is, full to overflowing, but it is a shriveled and one-sided cup. It is as sensitive and active in its defence as are the walls of the stomach, which, when overfed with ill-assorted food, contracts, rebels, and overflows, but which expands and readily digests generous rations of varied diet. Did you ever see one whose mind was nauseated with spelling books, lexicons, and grammars, and an endless hash of words and definitions?

"The education of hands is the means of more completely and efficaciously educating the brain. Manual dexterity is but the evidence of a certain kind of mental power; and this mental power, coupled with a familiarity with the tools the



hands use, is doubtless the only basis of that sound, practical judgment and ready mastery of material forces which always characterize those well fitted for the duties of active, industrial life.

"Manual exercises, which are at the same time intellectual exercises, are highly attractive to healthy boys. If you doubt this, go into the shops of a manual training school and see for yourselves. Go, for instance, into our forging shop, where metals are wrought through the agency of heat. A score of young vulcans, bare armed, leather aproned, with many a drop of honest sweat, and other trade marks of toil, stand up to their anvils with an unconscious earnestness which shows how much they enjoy their work. What are they doing? They are using brains and hands. They are studying definitions, in the only dictionary which readily defines the meaning of such words as 'iron,' 'steel,' 'welding,' 'tempering,' 'upsetting,' 'chilling,' etc. And, in shops where metals are wrought cold (which, for want of a better name, we call our machine shop), every new exercise is like a delightful trip into a new field of thought and investigation. Every exercise, if properly conducted, is both mental and manual. Every tool used and every process followed has its history, its genesis, and its evolution.

"In a manual training school, everything is for the benefit of the boy; he is the most important thing in the shop; *he is the only article to be put upon the market*. No one can learn from a book the true force of technical terms and definitions, nor the properties of materials. All descriptive words and names must base their meaning upon our own consciousness of the things they signify. The obscurities of the text-books (often doubly obscure from the lack of proper training on the part of the authors, who describe processes they never tried, and objects they never saw) vanish before the steady gaze of a boy whose hands and eyes have assisted in the building of mental images.

"Then, again, the habit of clear-headedness, of precision in regard to the minor details of a subject, and experimental knowledge of the full force of the words and symbols used—stretches with its wholesome influence into the study of words and the structure of language. As Felix Adeler says, the doing of one thing well is the beginning of doing all things well. I am a thorough disbeliever in the doctrine that it is ever educationally useful to commit to memory words which are not understood. The memory has its abundant uses, and should be carefully cultivated; but when it usurps the place of the understanding, when it beguiles the mind into the habit of accepting the images of words for the images of the things the words stand for, then the memory becomes a positive hindrance to intellectual development.

"Manual training is essential to the right and full development of the human mind, and therefore no less beneficial to those who are not going to become artisans than to those who are. . . . The workshop method of instruction is of great educational value, for it brings the learner face to face with the facts of nature; his mind increases in knowledge by direct personal experience with forms of matter and manifestations of force. No mere words intervene. The manual exercises of the shop train mental power rather than load the memory; *they fill the mind with the solid merchandise of knowledge, and not with its empty packing cases.*

"3. *A more Wholesome Moral Education.*—The finest fruit of education is char-

acter; and the more complete and symmetrical, the more perfectly balanced the education, the choicer the fruit.

“Dr. Adeler has pointed out, with great force and elegance, the influence of the exercises of the shop upon the formation of character. This influence, he holds, will be ‘nothing short of revolutionary, inasmuch as it will help to overthrow many of the impure conceptions that prevail at the present day.’ The tasks we set are not to be judged by commercial standards; our standard is one hundred per cent.; the articles we make are not to be sold; they have no pecuniary value; they are merely typical forms; their worth consists in being true, or in being beautiful, as the case may be.

“The manual training school, when well conducted, seems to me to furnish to its pupils just the opportunity which Walter Scott, in ‘Waverley,’ says that his young hero was losing forever—the opportunity of acquiring habits of firm and assiduous applications; of gaining the art of controlling, directing, and concentrating the powers of his mind for earnest investigation—an art far more essential than even that intimate acquaintance with classical learning which is the primary object of study’ (at school).

“4. *Sounder Judgments of Men and Things.*—The proverbially poor judgments of scholars have led to the popular belief that theory is one thing and practice a very different thing; that theoretically a thing is one way, practically another. The truth is, that correct theory and practice agree perfectly. If in his theory one leaves out a single element of the problem, or fails to give each its due weight, his theory is false. The school-men have been so accustomed to living in an ideal world, the world of books and books only, where they have found only ideal problems, and they have been so ignorant of the real world and the conditions of real problems, that their solutions have very generally been false.

“A harmonious culture develops common sense, and common sense is the basis of good judgment. We aim to raise this kind of fruit. Boys who put every theory to the practical test, who know something about what the idealists call ‘the total depravity of inanimate things,’ who probe and test every statement and appliance, with whom authority and tradition, the bane of too much ‘book learning,’ have little influence, and who therefore are apt to take things at their true value, are fitted to focus correctly upon the problems of real life.

“5. *Better Choice of Occupations.*—This point is one of the greatest importance, for out of it are the issues of life. An error here is often fatal. But to choose without knowledge is to draw as in a lottery, and when boys know neither themselves nor the world they are to live in, and when parents do not know their own children, it is more than an even chance that the square plug will get into the round hole.

“In the past, comparatively few of the better educated have sought the manual occupations. The one-sided training of the schools has divided active men into two classes—those who have sought to live by the work of their own hands, and those who have sought to live by the work of other men’s hands.

“Hitherto men who have aimed to cultivate their minds have neglected their hands, and those who have labored with their hands have found no opportunity to specially cultivate their brains. The crying demand to day is for intellectual combined with manual training. It is this want that the manual training school aims to supply.



"6. *Material Success for the Individual and for the Community.*—Material success ought not to be the chief object in life, though it may be sought with honor and worthily won; in fact, success would appear to be inevitable to one who possesses health and good judgment, and who, having chosen his occupation wisely, follows it faithfully.

"Our graduates have been out of school less than a year, but I have seen enough to justify me in saying that their chances of material success are unusually good. As workmen, they will soon step to the front; as employers and manufacturers, they will be self-directing and efficient inspectors.

Communities will prosper when their young men prosper. This is the *dynamic age*; the great forces of nature are being harnessed to do our work, and we are just beginning to learn how to drive. Invention is in its youth, and manual training is the very breath of its nostrils.

"7. *The Elevation of Manual Occupations from the Realm of Brute, Unintelligent Labor to one Requiring and Rewarding Cultivation and Skill.*—A brute can exert brute strength; to man alone is it given to invent and use tools. Man subdues nature and develops art through the instrumentality of tools. Says Carlyle: 'Nowhere do you find him without tools; without tools he is nothing; with tools he is all.' To turn a crank, or carry a hod, one only needs muscular power. But to devise and build the light engine, which, under the direction of a single intelligent master-spirit, shall lift the burden of a hundred men, requires a high degree of intelligence and manual skill.

"In like manner every occupation becomes ennobled by the transforming influence of thought and skill. The farmer of old yoked his wife with his cow, and together they dragged the clumsy plow, or transported the scanty harvest. Down to fifty years ago the life of a farmer was associated with unceasing, stupefying toil. What will it be when every farmer's boy is properly educated and trained? Farming is rapidly becoming a matter of horse-power, steam-power, and machinery. Who, then, shall follow the farm with honor, pleasure and success? Evidently only he whose cultivated mind and trained hands make him a master of the tools he must use.

"Some appear to think that the continued invention of tools and new machines will diminish the demand for men skilled in mechanical matters; but they are clearly wrong. True, they will diminish the demand for *unintelligent labor*—and some prominent educators, who take ground against manual training, have apparently no idea of labor except unintelligent labor. If there are more machines, there must be more makers, inventors, and directors. Not one useful invention in ten is made by a man who is not a skilled mechanic. But, as I have said, the mechanics have suffered from one-sided education. They have paid too little attention to science and the graphic arts. Hence every manual pursuit will become elevated in the intellectual scale when mechanics are broadly, liberally trained.

"Undoubtedly the common belief is, that it requires no great amount of brains or intelligence to be a mechanic; and those who go through the schools are not expected by their teachers to be mechanics. Every bright farmer's boy, every gifted son of a mechanic, if he but stay in school, is sure to be stolen away from the occupation of his father and led into the ranks of the 'learned professions.'

"Here is where the influence of manual training will be most beneficial. It will bring into the manual occupations a new element, a fairly educated class,

which will greatly increase their value, at the same time that it gives them new dignity.

“8. *The Solution of Labor Problems.*—Finally, I claim that the manual training school furnishes the solution of the problems of labor *vs.* capital. The new education will give more complete development, versatility, and adaptability to circumstance. No liberally trained workman can be a slave to a method, or depend upon the demand for a particular article or kind of labor. It is only the uneducated, unintelligent mechanic who suffers from the invention of a new tool. The thoroughly trained mechanic enjoys the extraordinary advantage of being able, like the well-taught mathematician, to apply his skill to every problem; with every new tool and new process he rises to new usefulness and worth.

“The leaders of mobs are not illiterate, but they are narrow, the victims of a one-sided education, and their followers are the victims of a double one-sidedness. Give them a liberal training, and you emancipate them alike from the tyranny of unworthy leaders and the slavery of a vocation. The sense of hardship and wrong will never come and bloody riots will cease when working men shall have such intellectual, mechanical, and moral culture that new tools, new processes, and new machines, will only furnish opportunities for more culture, and add new dignity and respect to their calling.”

In Europe, what is called manual and technical training was long in vogue before it was introduced into this country. Its introduction into Europe was for the purpose of remedying the decadence of the apprentice system, a decay which is becoming more and more apparent in this country. Everywhere it was introduced its effects were so marked for good, as a means of promoting the prosperity and power of cities, and even communities, as to become a reliance for that purpose. Hence, the countries of Europe have become almost as jealous of one another along technical as military lines. Whenever the British find that they are falling behind the French or the Germans in skilled work, they look to their technical schools to remedy the deficiency, and immediate steps are taken to enable them to do it. So it is with other nations of Europe.

Upon this subject, a recent writer says :

“Chemnitz is one of the principal industrial towns in Germany. Hosiery and woven fabrics are its principal industries. In this town, as in all Germany, compulsory education has been at work for many years; no child can leave the schools before fourteen years old. It has three technical schools. The Higher Weaving School, erected by the corporation, the Agricultural School and the Technical Institute. This last was erected at a cost of over \$400,000, and is principally maintained by the State. Mr. Falkin, an English manufacturer, residing at Chemnitz, states that it has destroyed the manufacture of gloves at Nottingham, and is slowly undermining the hosiery trade, asks what it is that has enabled the weaker race to



take the bread out of the mouths of the stronger, and to compete with them in the markets of the world? And thinks that the answer will be, to a great extent, 'the educational advantages of the people of Chemnitz.'

"In connection with this great school a professor has been appointed whose sole duty it is to travel about and make drawings of new machines of every description belonging to all industries, which are afterwards used by the students of machine construction and engineering. The government also sends professors, free of expense, to England, or any other country where they can see things that will be of use to them in their work. With such a system, there is no wonder that Germany possesses a larger number both of skilled and scientific workmen and masters, who come to their work with their minds thoroughly trained to appropriate and adopt all the improvements which science can suggest."

The fact is, the countries of Europe are watching one another in industrial pursuits with the keenest interest. Dependence upon military power for the pre-eminence of a people is no longer held in that estimation in which it formerly was. Science has very much encroached upon its domain, and threatens to abolish war and lead the nations in the ways of peace and prosperity. It has not only made encroachments upon war, but also made inroads upon old industrial methods. Science and consequent inventions have done much to undermine the present ancient medieval apprentice system. They have shown it to be too slow and inefficient for the hurry of the industrial methods of to-day, or at least there is not that time given to the patient instruction of apprentices which is necessary to obtain the best results. The rush and competition of machine production makes this so, because under such circumstances the apprentice is kept where his work will pay best.

The question is, how to meet the defect and provide a remedy? A wise and just apprentice law would no doubt do much in this direction by fixing proper limitations to duties and responsibilities on the part of employers and apprentices. While such a law might not furnish the best results, it would tend that way, in that it would be the means of securing all the instruction that might be obtained in the shops and factories. The practical enquiry in our State is, have we a wise and just apprentice law? If we have not, it is of the first importance we should have one, since such a law would do good if it did not meet all the requirements.

Although there are some who believe that the only way to learn a trade is to do so in the shops and factories, there are others who have given considerable thought to the matter who insist that the old

apprentice system will never be able to supply the skilled workmen of the future, however much attention may be given to making its workings successful—that the mechanic who will meet the requirements of the future must be prepared by a better method, a method which will enable him to be master of his environments, instead of being subservient to them. In other words, their contention is that the future mechanic must be prepared for his work largely as the doctor and the lawyer and the preacher are prepared for theirs, that is, by special instruction in schools before practical life work is commenced; that in this way not only proficiency would be increased, but there would be a quicker diffusion of a knowledge of the mechanic arts than is now witnessed, because the mind would be prepared and stimulated to the highest development in industrial ways.

Upon this point Hon. T. V. Powderly delivered the following address before the sixth annual session of the National Convention of the Bureaus of Statistics of Labor of the United States, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, May 22d, 1888:

SETTLE THE APPRENTICESHIP QUESTION BY INAUGURATING INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

From a paper before me I take the following paragraph. It appears to furnish food for reflection and study:

“A very serious question confronts the American youth under the existing restrictive system of apprenticeship. What is to become of the millions of boys who, having finished going to school, are looking about for something to do?”

This subject is worthy of the best thought of the most profound thinkers of our time, and I make bold to discuss it briefly, in the hope that my words, which at best will serve but as an introduction, may cause others to take up the question itself for discussion.

Have we a restrictive system of apprenticeship in the United States? I fail to find it in operation in many of the trades and callings, and in many others it exists only in name. Its effect on limiting the number of apprentices is scarcely felt in the trade. It is frequently urged that the restrictive system of apprenticeship is driving the American youth from the skilled callings; that the native born is being driven from the workshop to make room for the workmen of foreign birth. It is held by many that the trade union is to blame far this state of affairs; that the American labor organization is inimical to the interests of the American workman. When the mechanic worked steadily for six days in the week to perform a certain amount of work by hand it was necessary for him to know the use of tools; in order to fit himself for the performance of such a task he had to bind himself to the employer for a term of years, during which time he was taught the rudiments of his trade. He worked for a pittance in the hope of one day being able to take his place at the bench as a journeyman. It made no difference whether he learned the machinist, blacksmith, molding, cooper or shoe-making trade, they were all hard to acquire, and



the mechanics of twenty or fifteen years ago had to learn the whole trade in order to take his proper place by the side of other mechanics when out of his time and upon the road as a journeyman. At present it is a waste of time to bind a boy to any of these trades, or to any particular trade, for the reason that they are all subdivided to such an extent that men are set to work on special pieces on entering the workshop, and remain in that particular subdivision during their term of service. The chief aim of the employer in engaging apprentices is to secure the assistance of cheap help on work that it is not necessary to employ competent mechanics to perform. The opposition of the mechanic to a number of apprentices is that the market may not find too many craftsmen in search of employment; under such conditions wages must have a downward tendency. An apprentice in 1888 does not enter upon the trade as the apprentice of 1858 did. In 1858 the apprentice learned all of the "arts and mysteries" of the trade, while the beginner of to-day is placed at a machine and is apt to be kept at it during his entire term of apprenticeship. If he is skillful, and manipulates that machine to good advantage, he is more likely to be of better service to his employer than if he were allowed to take turns at all of the different branches of the trade, but when his term expires he is of but little use as a mechanic, for should he apply to another employer for a situation he may not be lucky enough to find employment at a machine similar to the one at which he served his term, and if he is not so employed he will have to wait until a vacancy occurs, or tramp. During the period from 1859 to 1875 trades unionism flourished more than at any other time in our history; it was during that period that the greatest opposition to an unlimited number of apprentices was manifested by the mechanics of the United States. During that same period the employers of labor learned to go to foreign lands to secure the services of mechanics who would engage to take the places of the American workmen. The employer was not forced to go abroad for workmen, but he regarded the trade society as a foreign institution, and would not recognize it in dealing with his employees. He was inconsistent, however, in going to Europe for workmen who were none the less foreign because he imported them.

During the past ten years, which may justly be styled the decade of the iron man, the importation of foreign workmen by employers was practiced on a most extensive scale. During this same period trades unionism languished in the United States and played but a small part in dictating to employers how many apprentices they should engage; yet employers imported foreign laborers in such numbers as to arouse the American workmen to a sense of danger, when they began to rebuild their shattered organizations, in which work they were encouraged by the Knights of Labor, the latter organization having secured the passage of a law which, although frequently violated by employers, has for its object the prohibition of the importation of foreign labor under contract. The argument that trades unionism is to blame for the presence of so many foreign born mechanics in our workshops is not worthy of consideration. The truth plainly stated is, that every foreigner who is to-day at work in the workshops of the United States is here because he believed he could improve his condition by coming, or is here because he was induced to come by some agent, or bureau, in the interest of the employers of labor in the United States.

It is neither profitable nor encouraging to learn a trade when the chances are that some morning the mechanic will awake to find a machine standing in his



place doing the work which he performed the day before. Inventions have been introduced so rapidly and extensively during the last ten years that many trades have been almost revolutionized. This rapid introduction of machinery has had a tendency to depress wages; the reduction in wages and the lack of security in workshop management has been the cause of sending many a boy to college who would have gone into the workshop after passing through the routine of the common public school.

Americans believe that they live in the best country in the world; the workman being imbued with that sentiment believes that he should receive the best wages in the world. The employer, who may be as proud of his country as the workman, when it comes to a question of employing an American because he is a countryman, or securing the services of cheap workmen, will cast his lot with the foreign workman and the dollars and cents side of the question. The foreign workman, not knowing what his services ought to bring in this land, will step in the shoes of the American workman who received from two dollars and fifty cents to three dollars a day, and be recompensed at a rate not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents or one dollar and seventy-five cents a day. Having lived where it was necessary to practice the most rigid economy, he brings his economical habits and ideas with him, and for a time he can exist on the wages paid to him.

We also find the manufactories of the United States being operated as though they were the property of one management. The tendency is to bring them under one common head through the agency of the "trust." Independence on the part of the workman is being crushed out, for he has only to work in one mill, workshop or factory in one part of the country and he becomes known all over. This system, although in its infancy, bids fair to become so perfected that it will be impossible for a man to work in any part of the country if his last employer is dissatisfied with him. The tendency throughout for the past few years has been to discourage the American youth when he sought to learn a trade. He is unwilling to spend years in acquiring knowledge which may never be of service to him. The colleges and universities are full to overflowing, and soon the professions will be as crowded as the trades are to-day.

This is an age of revolution and evolution. It is the most marvelous age the world has ever witnessed, and nothing that has gone before can be compared to it, or cited as an indication of what is to follow. We cannot with any degree of accuracy predict anything for the future; we grope and fear to risk too much, lest some new invention completely upsets all our plans and gives the winning hand to another. We find American youths unwilling to learn trades because they do not bring rich rewards or assurances of stability of employment. There is a fascination about the large cities which they did not bear some years ago, and, taking it altogether, we find ourselves in a state of transition almost impossible to describe. What the man of ante bellum days regarded as a luxury is to-day an absolute necessity. Take a look at the room in which you sit when this is read and contrast it with what your surroundings would have been in 1858, just thirty years ago; note the changes which time has worked, not alone in the appearance of the room, but in that of its occupants. Once we put a little oil in a saucer, hung a rag over the edge, struck the flints together and ignited the rag. With such a light our reading and sewing was done. Then we ran the tallow into the mould and made the candle; we next ran the fluid into the lamp, and



stood back in awe to see it burn; after that gas began to work its way beneath our sidewalks and into our sitting rooms; then the old Drake farm was tapped, and the world was astounded to find itself burning the product of the earth after the refiner changed its color. Then we said, we can go no farther, and found our words were contradicted by a glare of light which almost rivalled the noontday sun, and electricity flashed itself into favor. [On the 9th of this month at 11 o'clock at night I saw a man painting a sign on Chesnut street, Philadelphia, without the aid of lamp or torch; electricity answered every purpose.]

Ten short years ago we wrote our letter, or, if we were in a hurry, we telegraphed to our friends; to-day we call up the exchange and talk across cities and counties. Soon States will be traversed by the sound of the human voice. To-day we talk into a funnel, and not only are the words recorded, but the very sound and quiver of the voice is faithfully preserved to be repeated as often as may be required at any time during our lives or after death. We stop and ask, What next? The answer comes with the rapidity of lightning from some quarter of the universe in the shape of a new invention. What has this to do with the American youth? Everything, for we must devote more time to him than heretofore, so that he may not, Micawber-like, stand in idleness waiting for something to turn up. Let us turn it up for him by inaugurating a system of industrial schools in which the arts, the sciences and trades will be taught. Surely the American youth is worthy of the best that we can do for him, and we should encourage him in his first steps that his later ones may be for the good of the nation.

"At the rate at which science is advancing, there will soon be no shoveling of earth, no leveling of hills by hand, no digging of trenches, no cutting of earth, or wood, or iron, by hand; all of these things, and all else that enters into the industry of the world, will be done by the aid of science. There will be no trades or tradesmen of any special callings or crafts. In the world's production nothing should be missing, nor should one man have an advantage over another which nature does not give him. We will have men of no particular trade, but all men will know all crafts, not the 'Jack of all trades,' but a far different being, who knows all trades well. Every school room should be a workshop, a laboratory and an art gallery. At present a trade learned is a trade lost, for the learner does not have an opportunity to practice but one part of his calling, and if thrown out of that one groove cannot fall into another. Under an industrial system of schooling every American youth will know sufficient of all trades to step into whatever opens itself to him, and he will not be forced by circumstances to stand in the way of another who is anxious to rise, but will be fitted to take a step forward at a moment's notice. He will always find work to do and will do it more rapidly, with better tools and for a greater reward than the artisan of the present. The unsettled conditions which now make trades unionism a necessity will vanish, and in that age there will be but one organization necessary, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

Whatever may be the influence of the above contention, and however true or untrue it may be, there can be no doubt that those who maintain these views are many and are fast increasing. It may be that the teaching of the trades in schools may never become gene-

ral, yet the exclusive mind teaching in the schools will never hold the place it has heretofore held. It is too one-sided, and is so regarded even in those sections where mental culture is carried farthest. It is insisted that life is too short and time too precious to follow the old method, in which separate time was given to the mind and the hand, when the instruction of both may be accomplished together, with the best results to each. Especially is this combined instruction needed in the public schools, where the great body of the children are taught who must early turn their attention to money making occupations. The abolition of the labor of small children in the shops and factories of some of the States has emphasized this necessity. Their work is needed by their parents on account of their poverty, even when they are at school, and as the State restrains them from the shops and factories for the very best reasons, it is reckoned of the highest importance that they be so instructed while at school as to make their efforts as soon as possible command the best remuneration. Manual and technical instruction in the school, it is claimed, attains this end wherever it has been tried. It has become so popular in some of the Northern States that it has been insisted that it should be incorporated in the public school system, and it confidently predicted that this will be accomplished at no distant time. A circular was sent out by the New York Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1886, to prominent educators in that State, asking them for their opinion as to whether manual or technical training should be a part of the public school instruction. Of the answers received, 110 were in the affirmative, and 22 in the negative. President Hunter, of the New York Normal College, says on this subject:

"I am decidedly in favor of introducing manual training into the public schools, believing that it is as much incumbent on the teacher to train the hand as it is to train the brain; that we have as good a right to train a boy to wield a hammer or jack-plane as to wield a pen or pencil, and that in these days, when so many are seeking to make a living as clerks, and by the so-called easy employments, it is still more necessary that boys should be trained to earn a living by following the different handicrafts. Labor with the hands during the last thirty-five or forty years has fallen into disrepute, which is a great evil. Manual training in the public schools will cause the boys to grow up with the idea that all work is dignified and honorable.

"At the same time I think it would be unwise to teach mechanical trades in the public schools; that the State has no right to train carpenters, shoemakers, or dress-



makers; but it has not only the right, but it is its duty to train the children so that they can use all their faculties and all their limbs to help themselves and to add to the wealth of the State. I look upon it as a great calamity that the old-fashioned apprentice system should ever have fallen into disuse, and this manual training must, to a certain extent, remedy the evil.

"I believe it would be a great deal wiser for the individual and better for the community, if every boy, no matter what his position in life, even if he intends to become a professional man in the future, were to learn some useful, mechanical trade. I believe that all the German princess, unless I am mistaken, are obliged to learn some trade. I think that the engrafting of manual training on the present public school system is much easier and less expensive than many people suppose. It is almost as easy to introduce it as it was to introduce drawing as a separate and distinct branch of education, if the simple method of rotation by the teachers from class to class is carried out in the four highest classes of the public schools. The boys could pass so from arithmetic to manual training as readily as from geography to history. The chief expense would be in the employment of competent teachers. The appliances would last for a long time and would cost but little more than the ordinary appliances of the class-rooms.

"I think that it would be more simple and inexpensive to engraft the system on the present public school curriculum and limit the instruction to boys over thirteen or fourteen years old."

Certain it is, that what may be called the old system of instruction relegated manual instruction too far to the rear, and it produced natural results upon mechanical occupations. They have been relegated also to the rear in the public mind. This has been to the public injury. Anything which will remedy this is an unmixed good. It is claimed that manual and technical teaching does this wherever introduced to a great extent.

There have been some mechanics who have not regarded manual and technical training in a very favorable way. They have been afraid that it would be carried too far and the tendency would be to turn out too many mechanics. But such is not the history or the purpose of manual and technical instruction. This kind of instruction does not aim to teach trades, but it aims to teach useful ideas about them—to lay the foundation—just as in intellectual instruction a few books are taught to train the mind and to lay the foundation for future acquisitions. Every student educated in manual and technical schools results in a stimulus to manufacturing and industrial development. Manufactures sooner spring up in a State in that way than in any other, because men are taught how to use natural forces as they cannot be done under the old system. Employers are created as well as employees. The fact is

that in those States where the greatest number of mechanics are, and where the best opportunities exist for instruction in the trades, there is to be found the greatest demand for technical instruction.

The following from an address by Hon. T. V. Powderly, read before the Pennsylvania State Convention of Public School Teachers, at Scranton, Pa., on July 5th, 1888, bears upon this point :

An argument used against industrial schools by some is that they will be used to teach boys and girls occupations and trades, which will make them but slaves to employers on leaving school. Trades should not and will not be taught in schools, but the American youth should be so instructed in hand and brain as to enable him to so successfully cope with the agencies of the world's production as to break the power of the unscrupulous employer and make machinery the slave of man, instead of the hard, unrelenting master it is to-day. I may be called an Utopiast, but I believe the future will see no trades or tradesmen, nor will there be special callings in which machinery will be master. In such an age nothing should be missing that will give man an equal chance with his brother, nor should one individual have an advantage over his fellow-man which nature does not give to him.

Let us adjourn from here and go to the Dickson Machine Works as a body, and as we file through I doubt if ninety-nine out of every hundred will not be unable to tell the difference between lathe and drill press, or drill press and slotting machine, or between the slotting machine and planer, or planer and any other machine. We see a nut being turned with a wrench and wound on its spiral way to its place on the end of a bolt, but we do not know anything of the means by which the thread was cut, nor would we be able to take that nut away in case of necessity in a skillful or satisfactory manner. Every school-room should have its forge, its lathe, its slotter, drill press and planer, not that one boy may learn a trade, but that all boys may know what these machines are for and what they can do. Every school-room should be a workshop, a laboratory and an art gallery. Not that the trades, sciences and arts may be taught in the school-room, for that would not be possible, but that the boy and girl may know and become acquainted with agencies that give us the steam engine, the electric car and the other appliances which we find in operation every day.

Not to teach the youth one trade, but to give him a knowledge of many that he may make no mistake in selecting the one to learn and for which he is best adapted, is why we should introduce machinery to the school-room.

Nor should we stop at machinery, we should for every school-room have a miniature farm, a nursery and botanical garden. If not in close proximity to the school-room, they should be located where the scholars could attend once a week. Not for the purpose of making farmers, nurserymen and botanist of the scholars, but that they may know the importance of the farm, the nursery and botanical garden. Not that they may be taught to select one of these callings as a means of earning a livelihood, but that they may know enough of all them to be able to make a proper selection of a calling when called upon to choose one.

The use of the shovel, the pick and plow, as well as that of the lathe, anvil and painter's brush, should be taught the American youth; then, when his school-boy



days are at an end, his entry to the paths of manhood will be less tortuous for the knowledge he has gained.

It is asked how can our school teachers show the youth what to do with the machines if they do not know how to use them themselves. By beginning at once to put in operation such a system as is described, so that teachers and scholars may learn together at the start.

How often do we hear it said of a poor speaker, who may perhaps be a minister of the gospel, doing his best to teach the word of God, "That man ought to be wheeling a barrow." Men who are lawyers are often told that they "should be shoeing horses," and the cause of this is that when going to school they were not taught to know the value of a well-shod horse, or how to manipulate a wheelbarrow; on the contrary, many are taught to despise the wheelbarrow and to look down on the man who knows how to shoe a horse.

Half of the world's work is spoiled for lack of early training and guidance.

Incompetency has lost more to the world than dishonesty, and much of the dishonesty we read of is due to incompetency.

R. G. Dunn & Co., in 1881, showed that of the number of men doing business in Chicago in 1870 fifty per cent. had failed.

It is an established fact that ninety-seven out of every hundred who engage in business fail for one cause or another, but the principal reason is that those who fail are incompetent; they do not know that they are not fitted to engage in that particular business, and having had no training in any given direction while at school, they, of course, were not aware of how little they know until they tried and failed. Charles H. Ham, in a work entitled "Manual Training," says: "These failures, on so vast a scale, of railway enterprises, and the almost total wreck of mercantile ventures, show that the business of this country is done, as a Yankee might say, 'by guess,' or as the mechanic of the old regime would say, 'by the rule of thumb.' The conclusion is hence irresistible that the youth of the United States are not so educated as to fit them for the conduct to a successful issue of great business enterprises. And this is an impeachment of what is regarded, on the whole, as the best system of popular education in operation in the world."

Horace Mann spoke truthfully when he said: "School-houses are the republican line of fortification." The fortification of thirty years ago that could withstand the bomb and cannon ball of that period would crumble into dust before the missiles of the present inventive age, and if we are called upon to erect fortifications to-day we must improve on the old ones, which were the best in their day; we must make stronger ones, and so construct them as to withstand the assaults of science and art. Our school-houses must not be behind our fortifications—they must be improved and made as near perfect as possible, for they are our only fortification in the end.

When we think of the natural advantages which North Carolina has, and the almost unlimited raw materials which she produces, and remember that all these must be utilized by the mind applied to the development of this great natural wealth, the conclusion is irresistible that that course in education should be pursued which

will best promote the ability of the citizens of the State to use these natural advantages themselves. That State is enriching itself which prepares its people to do this. There is no doubt that our State has been depending too long upon outside skill to furnish our luxuries and even our every day wants from our own raw materials. Any course which will have a tendency to put an end to this should receive the encouragement of our people. While others are giving great thought to the matter for this very purpose, it is well to have the attention of our people directed to it, and to this end the subject of manual and technical training has been introduced into this report.

We conclude the subject of this chapter by copying from a very able address in regard to industrial education, by James H. Smart, L.L. D., President of Perdue University, Indiana. It contains good reading for all who are interested in the subject:

#### INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

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One of the most important economic problems with which we have to deal is involved in the question, What shall be done with the American boy?

He is, within a few years, to become a tremendously active and effective force that will touch this country in its social, political and industrial relations, and that will, in a great measure, mold and form its future. What that future will be depends largely upon the training which this boy now receives.

There are many organized agencies which perform most important parts in the education of the American boy. Among these are the school of the family, the school of the church, the school of civil society and the school of the school-master. What constitutes the proper training in each of these schools is beyond the purpose of this paper to define. Had we time it would be instructive for us to inquire into the enormous wastage that is going on in the process of educating a boy in these schools. How much is wasted, for example, in that enormously expensive machine, the *public school*; how much by incompetent teaching; how much by unimportant and possibly useless subjects of study; how much by extravagant expansion of brick and mortar. After an experience of twenty-five years in public schools, I am sure that I am correct in saying that millions are annually wasted in this manner.

But there is another school into which most of our boys must enter, which we may call the school of their vocation, and it is in this school in which occurs, in my judgment, the greatest waste of all. Let me call your attention to some facts connected with that most important industry, agriculture; an industry upon which all others are based, and without which no others are possible. Of the people in this State less than six hundred thousand live in our towns and cities,



leaving a million and a half in the purely rural districts. These are chiefly dependent upon agriculture for a livelihood. The State has an area of thirty-three thousand square miles—soil enough and good enough, if properly tilled, to support its population and to have four times as much as it uses to sell to its neighbors. Is it doing this or is it likely to do it?

Those who have studied the progress of agriculture in Indiana will tell you that one of its most alarming features is the degeneracy of the soil. In many cases the shrinkage in its productive power has been fully fifty per cent., and in some it is going on at a very rapid rate. This is certainly alarming.

But what is true of this State is true of many others. President Adams, of Cornell, says:

In New York the crop of wheat went down in twenty years from thirteen bushels per acre to 10.3 bushels per acre; of corn, from 29.3 to 23. Going to the south, we find that in North Carolina during the last ten years—for there were no figures during the war—the crop of wheat has declined from 8 bushels to 5.9 bushels per acre; corn from 16.4 to 11.5; oats from 12.9 to 8.7. In Georgia the crop of wheat fell from 7.3 to 5.1; corn from 11.1 to 8.7; oats from 10.2 to 9. In Mississippi, wheat from 9.2 to 5; corn from 13.8 to 13.5; oats from 14.5 to 11.5. In Texas, wheat fell from 12.5 to 8.5; corn from 19 to 18.5; oats from 27.2 to 22.8. Coming back to the north and northwest, we find that in Kentucky, from 1864 to 1884, the product of wheat declined from 10.2 to 7.7 bushels per acre; corn from 28.5 to 24; oats from 24.2 to 16.3. In Indiana, wheat from 14.3 to 10.4; corn from 29 to 27. In Illinois wheat went down from 14.3 to 10; corn from 33 to 25. It is enough to say that although, as already said, there is not an absolute uniformity of diminution, yet the general diminution is unmistakable. If we take an average of the three years, 1863, '64 and '65, on the one hand, and for the three years, 1882, '83 and 84, on the other, we shall find that in all of the staple crops there has been a very marked diminution of products per acre.

This, I take it, is chiefly the result of soil deterioration.

In addition, there is a still greater wastage that results from misdirected effort in cropping and seeding, in cultivation and in gathering and curing of crops, but worse than all is the enormous destruction of grains, fruits and of domestic animals through disease. Hundreds of millions of dollars are lost in the United States every year by fungus diseases, and hundreds of millions by insect ravages. It is estimated that in the United States the loss from insect ravages alone amounts to three hundred millions of dollars annually. As I have said, these facts are alarming.

We have not far to go to find the cause. It comes chiefly from the fact, I think, that the tendency of modern civilization is such as to educate the boy in the rural districts out of his surroundings and away from his natural occupation—to make him dissatisfied and restless with his environment and to fill him with a desire to move out and to move off. And he does move out and move off.

One of the most important economic problems of the day arises from the fact that there is a steady and increasing migration of young people from rural districts to the cities and towns. While I do not know that the world is growing worse, I know that in many parts of this country the ranks of non-producing classes and of the destructives are rapidly increasing and that the producing

classes in the rural districts are comparatively decreasing. I know that the flaming head-lines and the brilliant footlights, that the glare and glamour and pyrotechnics of our city life are enticing young men, and young women too, from their rural surroundings. Then, too, the best and smartest of the farmer boys are often educated into the professions or are sent to the business centers to engage in various forms of employment. The result of this is that in some parts of the country the farms are growing larger and we have agricultural landlords and farmer tenants, while on the smaller farms the place of the boy is taken by the agricultural tramp. Close farming will never be done under the landlord and tenant system. The best results will be secured by small owners who, with their sons and daughters, have an interest in the soil and a taste for the business. One of the greatest industrial problems of to-day is involved in this question, "How shall we keep our sons and daughters out of the whirl and rush of city life and in the pure free air of our rural life? how shall we keep them in the ranks of the great producing classes, and out of the ranks of the non-producing and of the destructive classes?" This must be done by proper education. The newspapers must help, the school master in the rural districts must help, the agricultural journals must help, the State, by wise legislation, must help, and above all, the farmer himself must help. In his treatment and training of the boy at home, he must remember that he lives in a new world, and that the world is not only new but that it is very much larger than it used to be. Within the past few years the daily newspaper, the railroads and the electric telegraph have come in and they have created a tremendous revolution. The boy of to-day is a new boy and unless he has very careful treatment he will move out. The father was a farmer because he had to be, but the son will become a farmer, not because he has to be, but because he wishes to be. The boy will never take the thing in, in the same hard way in which the father took it in. Existing conditions make it impossible.

There has been an impression that science and farming have nothing in common, and that the scientific farmer was an expensive curiosity. It may be true that Horace Greeley's potatoes cost him sixty cents apiece, and that much of our academic training has a tendency to draw young men away from agricultural pursuits—but science, and especially agricultural science, has made such gigantic strides in the last few years that agriculture has almost become a profession, requiring as much skill and sense as it does to become a first-rate lawyer, or a first-rate physician.

Science teaches us that nature will not be cheated. It teaches us that we cannot expect the soil to respond with a continued harvest if it is subjected to constant robbery. It teaches that taking money out of the soil and putting it into a bank may make rich fathers, but that it will be likely to make poor sons, and that the safest bank of deposit for a farmer is in his farm.

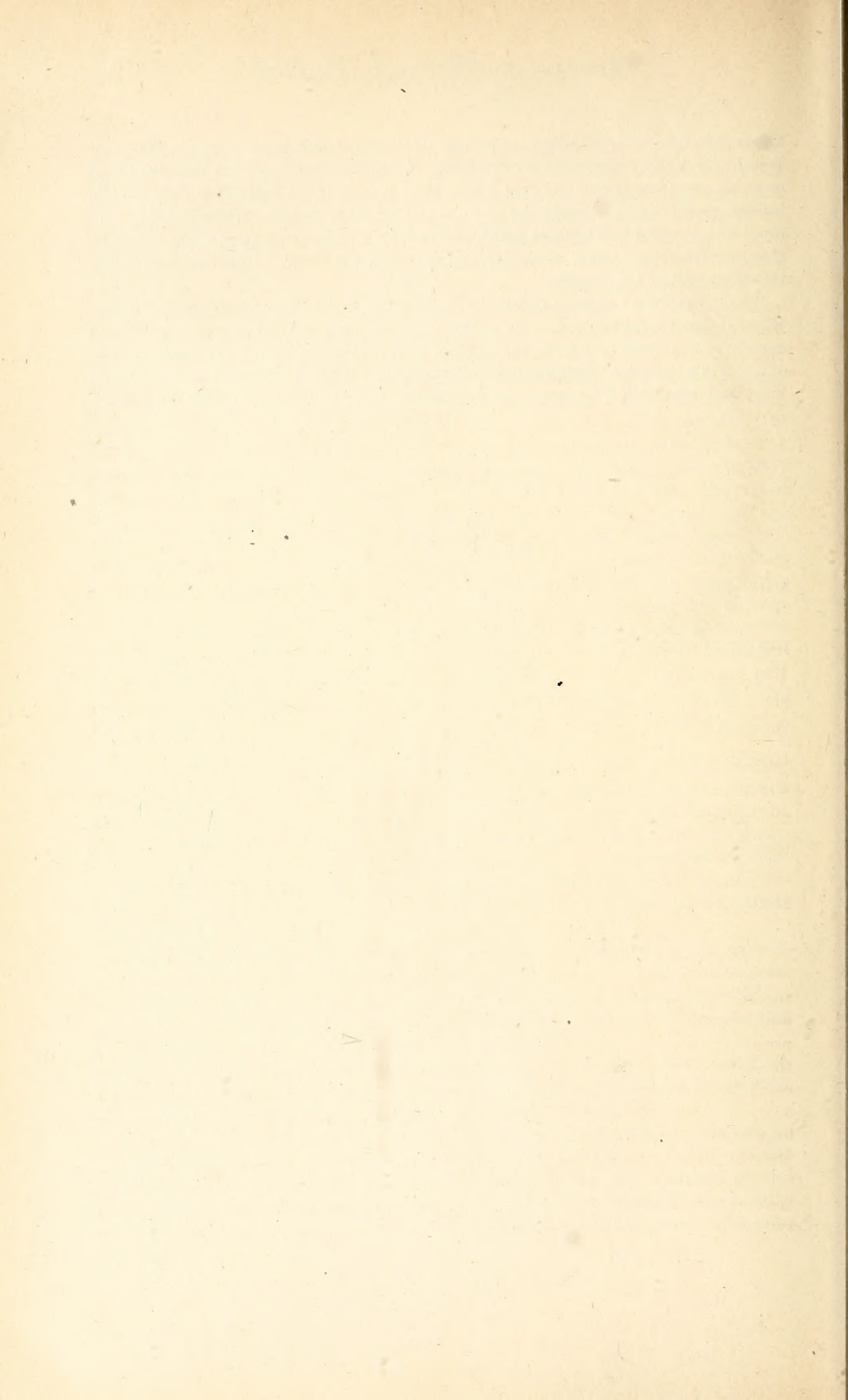
Now, we may not be able to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before, but it is possible to stop this enormous wastage, and to largely increase the annual yield of agricultural products, and to improve their quality.

I may be pardoned if I say that the American Agricultural College will play an important part in the scheme of regeneration. This is an age of fierce competition, and every man must enter the race fully armed and equipped for his work. I need not point these statements by proof. With what a keen eye must the market be watched and the movements of the bulls and the bears. One must



know the difference between an honest deal and a dishonest corner. He must watch the great commercial movements. He must not only watch the rain cloud over his own head, but he must know that it is only by watching the climatic influences all over the world that he can tell when to sell and when to hold. He must of necessity understand political economy; the laws of production, the relation of capital and labor, of supply and demand, the laws of consumption, of distribution and of exchange.

The Agricultural College cannot directly educate all of the farmers in a State. What it can do, and ought to do, is this: It can send out a dozen men into each county of the State in which it is located, well informed, well disciplined, capable of applying the very best methods of farming in the most practical and economic way, and who will, by example as well as by precept, show the better methods.





## CHAPTER V.

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### PUBLIC ROADS.

Our public roads, and how best to work them, has been a subject of earnest thought among the people of the State for a considerable time. The roads in most of the counties are in a bad condition for a large part of the year—in fact, so bad as to forbid traffic upon them except in a limited way. This of course has proved a great hindrance to the social and business intercourse of the people, and their attention has been very naturally directed to the subject, and the present methods of keeping them in order. We have, therefore, thought it advisable to give a chapter in this report to this very important subject. The people are very much interested in it. It is one of those subjects that cannot and ought not to be kept out of sight, entering as it does into the every day life of all our people. They want easier and better intercourse than they have had for the most part under the present law. There is evidently great dissatisfaction, and justly so. If the present law by any changes can be made to meet the demands of the people, the fact ought to be made to appear, and if the present system cannot be made efficient, that fact should also be disclosed. Good roads are of the very first importance to a progressive people. Indeed, there can be no progress, without them, as some one has said: “Easy communication is the very soul of progress.”

Mr. Gillespie, in his work on roads, very clearly and forcibly presents the advantages of good highways for the public. He says:

“The roads of a country are accurate and certain tests of the degree of its civilization. \* \* \* Roads are the veins and arteries of the body politic, and through them flow the agricultural productions and the commercial supplies which are the life-blood of the State. Upon the sufficiency of their number, the propriety of their directions, and the unobstructedness of their courses, depend the ease and the rapidity with which the more distant portions of the system receive the nutriment which is essential to their life, health and vigor, and without a copious supply of which the extremities must languish and die. But roads belong to that unappreciated class of blessings of which the value and importance are not fully felt because of the very greatness of their advantage. \* \* \* \*

“The profits of good roads are shared by all who avail themselves of their increased facilities. If wheat be worth in a city a dollar per bushel, and if it costs twenty-five cents to transport it thither from a certain district, it will necessarily

command only seventy-five cents. If now by improved roads the cost of carriage is reduced to ten cents, the surplus fifteen cents on each bushel is so much absolute gain to the community, balanced only by the cost of improving the road. Supposing that a toll of five cents will pay a fair dividend on this, there remains ten cents per bushel to be divided between the producer and the consumer, enabling the farmer to sell his wheat at a higher price than before, while at the same time the latter obtains it at less cost.

"Agriculture is thus directly and likewise indirectly dependent in a great degree upon good roads for its success and reward. *Directly*, as we have just seen, these roads carry the productions of the fields to the markets, and bring to them in return their bulky and weighty materials of fertilization at a cost of labor which grows less and less as the roads become better. *Indirectly*, the cities and towns, whose dense population and manufacturing industry make them the best markets for farming produce, are enabled to grow and to extend themselves indefinitely by roads alone.

"Among the most remarkable consequences of the improvement of roads is the rapidly increasing proportion in which their benefits extend and radiate in every direction, as impartially and benignantly as the similarly diverging rays of the sun. Around every town or market-place we may conceive a number of concentric circles to be drawn enclosing areas from any part of which certain kinds of produce may be profitably taken to the town, while from any point beyond each circumference the expense of the carriage of the particular article would exceed its value, thus the inner circle, at the centre of which is the town, may show the limit in every direction from beyond which perishable vegetables or articles very bulky or heavy in proportion to their value, cannot be profitably brought to market; the next larger circle may show the limit of fruits, and so on. If now the roads are improved in any way, so as in any degree to lessen the expense of carriage, the radius of each circle is correspondingly increased, and the area of each is enlarged as the square of this ratio of increase. Then if the improvement enables a horse to draw twice as much or to travel as fast as he did before, each of the limiting circles is expanded outward to twice its former radius, and embraces four times its former area. If the rate of improvement be threefold, the increase of area is ninefold, and so on. All the produce, industry, and wealth, which by these improvements find, for the first time, a market is as it were a new creation.

"The number of passengers is governed by similar laws, and the increased facilities of a better road attract them from inferior ones as the digging of a new and deep well often drains the water from all the shallow ones in the neighborhood. Supposing that by these improvements the average speed over a whole country be only doubled, the whole population of the country would have advanced in a mass and placed their chairs twice as near to the firesides of their metropolis, and twice as near to each other. If the speed were again doubled, the process would be repeated, and so on. As distances were thus gradually annihilated the whole surface of the country would be, as it were, contracted and condensed till it was one immense city; and yet by one of the modern miracles of science wedded to art, every man's field would be found not only where it always was, but as large as it ever was, and even far larger estimating its size by the in-



creased profits of its productions. The more perfect the roads the more rapidly would this result be obtained."

Any one who has noticed the history of the State in recent years cannot fail to have observed that along with the rapid progress which the State has been making in material prosperity there has grown up a very positive and wide-spread feeling for better facilities of communication. This feeling does not extend to any one class, but to all classes of citizens. It is particularly manifested by the amount of railroad building going on in the State—the money furnished in great part by taxation, favored by the rich as well as the poor. Certainly no one ever saw so much railroad building carried on in the State as is now the case. It grows out of a determination to have better methods of inter-communication, and this spirit which is so strong in the State is demanding, not that there shall be adopted any particular road system, but that there shall be better public roads than the present law has given. By reason of this feeling a few of the counties of the State have adopted a different plan from that embraced in the general law. Others are trying to see what can be accomplished by convict labor under the act passed at the session of the Legislature of 1887, chapter 355. It may be said that the counties which have made these changes are better pleased with them than they are with the old law, but they are regarded as more or less experimental, because new.

Believing that whatever information could be gathered by the Bureau of this State and elsewhere would be of practical benefit, and aid in the solution of this very important question, if disseminated among the people, the laws of other States were investigated and such ideas as were believed would be of benefit in the consideration of the question, have been compiled from these laws and inserted in this chapter. In addition, circulars were sent to correspondents in all the counties of the State, asking questions with respect to the best methods of working the public roads, &c., with request for answers to the same. The following are the questions propounded in the circular:

1. Has the present system of working the public roads in your county proved efficient and satisfactory?
2. Should the public roads of the State be worked altogether by assessments upon labor, as at present?

3. Should the public roads of the State be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll?

4. Should the public roads of the State be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property?

5. Give any suggestions in regard to the best method of working public roads that may occur to you.

The circular was answered by nearly every county in the State through one or more correspondents. Among them will be found some of the most prominent and thoughtful men in the State—those who have given the subject of public roads considerable attention, and whose views will be read with interest.

It will be seen that a large majority of these correspondents regard the present law as inefficient and unsatisfactory. They say that under it the highways of the State continue to get worse instead of better. They are, therefore, in favor of discarding the present and adopting some other system that will give better results. A considerable number are in favor of working the roads by money taxation upon property and poll, they alleging that such a plan, besides being the most efficient (because the labor most suited to the work to be done can be obtained in that way), is the fairest to all classes, in that it compels those who use the roads most to pay most to keep them up. Those who favor money taxation maintain that when a comprehensive view is taken of the whole matter, it will be found their plan is also the most economical of any other.

Many of those opposed to the present law favor working the roads by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. This is the plan of the Mecklenburg Road Law, which has been adopted in Mecklenburg and other counties, and which is in operation in some of the Western States. This may be said to be a compromise measure between those who urge an entire money taxation and those who favor assessing labor to do the work upon the roads. Some who favor this method say that while money taxation would doubtless be best, the people of the State are not prepared now to adopt such a system, and that it is best to take this than to work any longer under the old system. Others contend that the combination system is just and fair, in that, while it compels property to do its share of the work upon the roads, it also compels those who have no property and who enjoy the advantages of government



in many ways, to pay their poll tax in labor, which would not be done as a general thing if a money tax were required. It will doubtless be admitted that there is considerable force in this position.

A great many correspondents, especially in the eastern counties, are in favor of the present general law. They found their opposition, in a great measure, to any change, upon the non-payment of the poll-tax by those who are not owners of property. They fear that a change would transfer all the burden of working the roads to property. This they regard as unjust, and there is a disposition to submit to the ills of the present system, and try to improve it, rather than favor property taxation. Many who hold this view assert that the failure of the present law to give good roads is to be attributed more to the administration of the law than to its defects. It is insisted that if the law were enforced as it should be the result would be satisfactory, and good roads would be produced.

It does not appear, however, how this can be done. The law as it now stands prescribes a punishment, both of a civil and criminal kind, for a failure to perform every duty which is imposed by it, and makes it the duty of magistrates, grand juries and solicitors to see that the law is enforced. That this is not done is not that the law does not contain punitive provisions. It fairly bristles with these. The lack is somewhere else. Perhaps it may be found in the fact that the law does not furnish either the agencies or the instruments by which good roads may be made, and hence there is no public sentiment back of the law which demands its enforcement. Grand juries frequently indict under the law, but very rarely are there any convictions.

Gillespie, in his work on roads, truly says :

“A good ploughman does not think himself necessarily competent to forge the coulter to his plough, or to put together its wood work. He knows that it is true economy for him to pay a mechanic for his services. But the road laws often assume him to be a skillful road-master—a more difficult art than plough making—and compel him to act as one; though his clumsiness in repairing his plough would injure only himself, while his road-blunders are injurious to the whole community. Skill in any art is only to be acquired by practical and successful experience, aided by the instructions of those who already possess it. An artisan cannot be extemporized.”

The present general road law of the State commits to overseers in a township the duty of superintending the road work in that township. Each overseer has the work committed to him done according to his own idea. Without having given any special attention to road-making, he, of course, knows very little about it, and when he does the very best he can, the work done must of necessity be imperfect and temporary. There is, therefore, no real improvement of the road, and when the next bad weather comes on this fact is realized. The road is found to be in as bad or worse condition than it was before. The overseer very soon hears imprecations upon such roads and such overseers, and naturally determines to resign his position to some one who may perform the work expected of an overseer better than he has been able to do. He is no doubt hastened in this determination when he reads the law and sees the penalties pronounced against an overseer for every neglect of duty. When the overseer resigns a successor is appointed who has very much the experience of his predecessor. In this way road-making is directed under the present law. Very naturally, therefore, the work done is to a great extent misdirected and wasted.

Any plan that gets the best talent in a community upon the roads, and keeps it there, is the best plan. There is no doubt this can be most surely accomplished by getting those who know most about road-making in each township, putting the work in their charge, and paying them for the work they do. Then at least the probabilities are that whatever labor or money is put upon the highways will be judiciously and profitably expended, which is not the case at present.

In order to do this, it has been suggested, and there seems to be force in the suggestion, that there should be a superintendent of roads employed in each township by the supervisors or trustees, who should have charge of the road-work of the township, and should be responsible to the supervisors or trustees for what work ought to be done with the means at his disposal, whether of money or labor. It is impossible to find a half dozen men in a township who are capable of superintending road work. It is very doubtful whether one can be found, but, where one is employed for this purpose, he will have an opportunity to gain a knowledge of the work he has to do both theoretically and practically. In this way more or less profi-



ciency will be attained, and if one man is not suited to the work, another can be obtained who is. Under the present law it is impossible to do this, and the consequence is natural and apparent.

In addition to the fact that the present law fails to provide efficient road labor, another defect that may be mentioned is, that it does not provide any other implements for doing road work than those found upon the farms. In many instances others are needed, and without them no good and substantial work can be done. Whenever a township needs special road implements there should be some means furnished to get them, and they should be kept and owned by the township. To get these necessary implements, as well as the best labor upon the roads, will no doubt cause some money taxation, but if proper highways can only be obtained in this way, the truest economy, as well as the best interests of all concerned, would suggest that such a tax should be levied. No system is cheap, or should be tolerated, which gives such results as the present road law in a great many counties, and the indications are that there is a widespread determination to seek a better system, and one that is more in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times, and one, too, that has more possibilities in it than the present one seems to have.

As some of the correspondents have mentioned the subject of taxation in connection with this subject, and have asserted that the rate of taxation in North Carolina is very high, we have thought it worth while to present in this report and in this chapter the rate of taxation in the various States of the Union, that our own rate may be compared with theirs. In order to do this we addressed a letter of inquiry to several counties in each State, asking the rate of taxation for State and county purposes levied and collected in them. The following is the information received, in answer to our inquiries, which will doubtless give a just idea of the subject:

TABLE No. 4.—SHOWING RATE OF TAXATION ON THE HUNDRED DOLLARS VALUATION IN CERTAIN COUNTIES IN DIFFERENT STATES IN THE UNION FOR STATE, COUNTY, SCHOOL AND OTHER TAXES.

| STATES AND COUNTIES.          | State Tax on the<br>\$100 Valuation. | County Tax on the<br>\$100 Valuation. | School Tax on the<br>\$100 Valuation. | Public Road Tax on<br>the \$100 Valuation. | Special Tax on the<br>\$100 Valuation. | Total. |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------|
| ALABAMA—Mobile County         | 50                                   | 50                                    | 10                                    |                                            |                                        | 1.10   |
| Montgomery County             | 50                                   | 30                                    | 10                                    |                                            |                                        | 90     |
| Barbour “                     | 50                                   | 35                                    |                                       |                                            | 30                                     | 1.15   |
| ARKANSAS—Lee “                | 50                                   | 50                                    | 50                                    |                                            | 50                                     | 2.00   |
| Pulaski “                     | 50                                   | 80                                    | 50                                    |                                            |                                        | 1.80   |
| CALIFORNIA—Los Angeles “      | 60                                   | 52                                    | 11                                    | 25                                         |                                        | 1.48   |
| Sacramento “                  | 60                                   | 30                                    | 9                                     | 25                                         |                                        | 1.24   |
| Santa Clara “                 | 60                                   | 30                                    | 10                                    | 25                                         |                                        | 1.25   |
| COLORADO—Arapaho “            | 40                                   | 85                                    | 25                                    |                                            |                                        | 1.50   |
| *DELAWARE—Sussex “            |                                      | 50                                    | 35                                    |                                            |                                        | 85     |
| Kent “                        |                                      | 35                                    | 35                                    | 10                                         |                                        | 80     |
| FLORIDA—Alachua “             | 35                                   | 20                                    | 40                                    |                                            |                                        | 95     |
| Gadsden “                     | 35                                   | 30                                    | 40                                    | 5                                          | 10                                     | 1.20   |
| GEORGIA—Richmond “            | 38                                   | 32                                    | 23                                    |                                            |                                        | 93     |
| INDIANA—Allen “               | 26                                   | 50                                    | 20                                    | 20                                         | 45                                     | 1.61   |
| Tipton “                      | 26                                   | 40                                    | 20                                    | 20                                         | 42                                     | 1.48   |
| Cass “                        | 26                                   | 70                                    | 25                                    | 25                                         |                                        | 1.46   |
| ILLINOIS—Williamson “         | 53                                   | 75                                    | 85                                    | 30                                         | 44                                     | 2.87   |
| Wayne “                       | 53                                   | 53                                    | 30                                    | 30                                         |                                        | 1.66   |
| IOWA—Keokuk “                 | 25                                   | 40                                    | 10                                    | 20                                         |                                        | 95     |
| KENTUCKY—Franklin “           | 47½                                  | 47                                    |                                       |                                            |                                        | 94½    |
| KANSAS—Miami “                | 45                                   | 1.25                                  | 75                                    | 20                                         |                                        | 1.65   |
| LOUISIANA—Tensas Parish       | 50                                   | 92½                                   | 17½                                   |                                            |                                        | 1.60   |
| St. Tammany “                 | 50                                   | 60                                    | 30                                    | 20                                         |                                        | 1.60   |
| Franklin “                    | 50                                   | 92                                    | 17½                                   | 25                                         |                                        | 1.84½  |
| †MASSACHUSETTS—Barnstable Co. |                                      |                                       |                                       |                                            |                                        | 1.25   |
| Franklin “                    |                                      |                                       |                                       |                                            |                                        | 1.30   |
| †MARYLAND—Frederick County    | 17½                                  | 65                                    |                                       |                                            |                                        | 82½    |
| Alleghany “                   | 17½                                  | 82½                                   |                                       |                                            |                                        | 1.00   |
| Anne Arundel “                | 17½                                  | 92                                    | 20                                    |                                            |                                        | 1.29½  |
| MICHIGAN—Lapeer “             | 27                                   | 28                                    | 38                                    | 20                                         | 51                                     | 1.64   |
| MISSISSIPPI—Wabasha “         | 35                                   | 43                                    | 20                                    | 7                                          | 24                                     | 1.29   |
| Yazoo “                       | 35                                   | 50                                    | 30                                    |                                            |                                        | 1.15   |
| Lauderdale “                  | 35                                   | 35                                    | 30                                    |                                            |                                        | 95     |
| Kemper “                      | 35                                   | 51                                    | 52½                                   |                                            |                                        | 1.38½  |
| Jasper “                      | 35                                   | 80                                    | 30                                    |                                            |                                        | 1.45   |
| MISSOURI—Warren “             | 40                                   | 40                                    | 40                                    | 10                                         |                                        | 1.30   |
| Montgomery “                  | 40                                   | 40                                    | 50                                    | 10                                         |                                        | 1.40   |
| Perry “                       | 40                                   | 40                                    | 40                                    | 10                                         |                                        | 1.30   |
| NEBRASKA—Lancaster “          | 75                                   | 1.60                                  | 20                                    | 10                                         |                                        | 2.65   |
| Pawnee “                      | 75                                   | 1.30                                  | 23                                    | 40                                         |                                        | 2.68   |
| NEVADA—Churchill “            | 90                                   | 1.00                                  | 30                                    |                                            | 50                                     | 2.70   |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE—Strafford “     | 30                                   | 30                                    | 20                                    | 20                                         |                                        | 1.00   |

\*We have no direct State taxes. We have a State tax on Railroads and Banks.

†Taxes in this State levied together.

‡In this State school taxes are levied with county taxes.



TABLE No. 4.—CONTINUED.

| STATES AND COUNTIES.     | State Tax on the<br>\$100 Valuation. | County Tax on the<br>\$100 Valuation. | School Tax on the<br>\$100 Valuation. | Public Road Tax on<br>the \$100 Valuation. | Special Tax on the<br>\$100 Valuation. | Total. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------|
| *NEW JERSEY—Salem County | -----                                | 28                                    | 24                                    | 20                                         | 10                                     | 74     |
| Cumberland "             | -----                                | 22½                                   | 15                                    | 22½                                        | 10                                     | 70     |
| NEW YORK—Norwich "       | 27                                   | 22                                    | -----                                 | 80                                         | -----                                  | 1.29   |
| OHIO—Logan "             | 29                                   | 62                                    | 40                                    | 12                                         | 70                                     | 2.13   |
| OREGON—Marion "          | 50                                   | 90                                    | 50                                    | 10                                         | 25                                     | 2.25   |
| Washington "             | 50                                   | 78                                    | 50                                    | -----                                      | -----                                  | 1.78   |
| PENNSYLVANIA—Montgom'y " | 30                                   | 30                                    | 40                                    | 20                                         | -----                                  | 1.20   |
| Adams "                  | 30                                   | 30                                    | 40                                    | 20                                         | -----                                  | 1.20   |
| RHODE ISLAND—Kent "      | 14                                   | 50                                    | 15                                    | 10                                         | -----                                  | 89     |
| SOUTH CAROLINA—York "    | 42½                                  | 25                                    | 20                                    | -----                                      | 16                                     | 1.03½  |
| Lexi'gt'n "              | 42½                                  | 32½                                   | 20                                    | -----                                      | -----                                  | 95     |
| TENNESSEE—Haywood "      | 30                                   | 30                                    | 25                                    | 15                                         | -----                                  | 1.00   |
| Washington "             | 30                                   | 20                                    | 30                                    | 11                                         | -----                                  | 91     |
| Wayne "                  | 30                                   | 25                                    | 30                                    | 8                                          | -----                                  | 93     |
| TEXAS—McLennan "         | 25                                   | 25                                    | 12½                                   | -----                                      | -----                                  | 62½    |
| Hill "                   | 25                                   | 30                                    | 12½                                   | -----                                      | -----                                  | 67½    |
| VIRGINIA—Pittsylvania "  | 40                                   | 60                                    | -----                                 | -----                                      | -----                                  | 1.00   |
| Lunenburg "              | 40                                   | 90                                    | 20                                    | -----                                      | -----                                  | 1.50   |
| Bedford "                | 40                                   | 30                                    | 20                                    | 5                                          | -----                                  | 95     |
| WEST VIRGINIA—Webster "  | 35                                   | 75                                    | 75                                    | 20                                         | -----                                  | 2.05   |
| Kanawha "                | 35                                   | 70                                    | 90                                    | 20                                         | -----                                  | 2.15   |
| WISCONSIN—Racine "       | 18½                                  | 16½                                   | 20                                    | 20                                         | 50                                     | 1.25   |

\*No State tax levied in New Jersey.

It will be seen from the foregoing table that the people of North Carolina pay less taxes than any State in the Union, except Texas—their rate, from the information received, being sixty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation—but it is well known that in Texas large bodies of public lands are sold yearly and applied to public purposes, and if the sale of these lands is taken into consideration, the rate in Texas will be found to be larger than in North Carolina. The constitutional limitation in this State, for State and county purposes, is sixty-six and two-thirds cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, and cannot be exceeded except by a vote of the people. In most of the counties this rate is not exceeded, and in many it is not even reached. Perhaps if the regular and special taxes for the whole State were put together, they would not average seventy-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation. The average rate of tax-

ation for State and county purposes in the various States, as given in the above table, is one dollar and thirty-eight cents on the one hundred dollars, which is about twice what it is in North Carolina.

It is true that Federal taxation, which is mainly indirect, is high, very high, but it cannot be maintained that the taxes levied and collected in this State for State and county purposes are high—on the contrary, they are very low as compared with other States.

In the following pages of this chapter will be found many suggestions in regard to the working public roads—some from correspondents in the different counties in this State, and some to be found from the laws in regard to public roads, collected from other States. Attention is called to them. They will prove interesting and valuable reading to those interested in the subject of public roads.

The total number of correspondents reporting to the Bureau from the different counties is one hundred and seventy-five. Of this number, one hundred and thirty-four think that the present road law has proved insufficient and unsatisfactory in their counties as a means of producing good roads, while thirty-one think the contrary. Nine did not answer the question asked on this subject.

Out of the whole number of correspondents, fifty think the roads should be worked as at present. Some of these, while admitting that the present system has not given satisfactory results, yet believe that it is because the system has not been given a fair trial. They believe, therefore, that it should be continued. Amendments to the law are suggested in some instances. Sixty-four of the whole number believe that the roads should be worked by money taxation upon property and poll, and seventy-two think that they should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. Some of these last believe in money taxation on property and poll also. A few think that the roads should be worked altogether by taxation upon property.

The correspondence is arranged by counties, as follows:

#### ALAMANCE.

1. The present system has proved inefficient and is unsatisfactory to many of our citizens.
2. Public roads should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor.
3. The roads should not be worked altogether by tax on property and poll.
4. The roads should be worked by assessments upon labor and property.



5. My plan is, an assessment of about ten cents on the hundred dollars worth of taxable property, and two dollars on the poll, relieving the poll at forty or forty-five years of age, and allowing the person charged to discharge his road tax by working four days on the public roads to which he may be assigned. As to the mode of operations, there are several plans which might work well. First, there might be a force employed by the county, placed under the charge of a county superintendent, and furnished with sufficient teams, plows, wagons and other implements; which force might commence at the court-house and work one section (as they now are laid out) on each of the most important roads, and so on with section two, &c., until all the important roads throughout the county are put in good repair. Another plan is, to let out the roads by sections, the work to be subject to the approval of a competent county superintendent, which would probably be a good plan after prosecuting the same for first two years. I am of opinion that the plan first suggested would be best for the first two years for the reason that the force would be concentrated on the roads most used, and consequently most important.

I am heartily in accord with your object. I have worked my time out and am no longer subject to road duty, but shall hail the day with great joy that brings about a revolution in the road system of North Carolina. The tax proposed is insignificant. We all pay many times as much every year of our lives, indirectly, and yet have no roads. I have been long since convinced that we cannot expect to prosper with such miserable roads as we have in the winter time all over the State, and when we look on either hand and behold the inexhaustible supply of the best material possible to be found upon the earth, which must have been placed in easy access by an Omnipotent hand for the express purpose of making solid all those marshy sections so often encountered, it is a burning shame, in my opinion, to every intelligent North Carolinian. The time is at hand when the people are going to demand improvement of no little consequence upon the road system of North Carolina, I am proud to say. The matter only wants a start to please everybody, and it is nothing for any one to be scared at. The tax will be very light on everybody compared with the real value received. I conceive it to be a tax much to be desired by all good citizens having their own personal interest at heart, and that of the good of the grand old North State.

Wishing the success of any scheme looking to the advancement of the true interests of our people,

I am, very truly,

W. J. STOCKARD.

ALEXANDER.

1. The present system of working the roads in our county has not proved efficient.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll with the privilege of working the tax out at certain price should any one prefer to labor.

5. Under the present system of working the public roads, they could be kept in much better condition than they are, if the time put in were more properly utilized.

W. R. SLOAN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved and cannot prove efficient.
2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor.
3. I think the public roads should be worked by taxation on property and poll.
4. Labor should not be taxed at all.
5. Abolish all laws inconsistent with third question and enact a law consistent with same.

X.

## ALLEGHANY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.
2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.
4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.
5. We think for our county that the present system is more satisfactory, in as much as the people can work when they cannot pay money.

Work that cannot be done by the work of ordinary hands is provided for by the county authorities, and any change, in our opinion, would be productive of confusion among our people.

W. E. HARDIN,

Chairman Board Com.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.
2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

I have been looking after the roads for about four years, and I think that in this county the present mode of working the public roads is satisfactory as any mode that we could have. We can keep our roads up with about four days' labor to the hand upon an average.

JOHN WHITEAD.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved sufficient and satisfactory. The roads are almost without a single exception in very bad order.
2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, as it imposes too great a burden on the young and poor men.
4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.
5. I have given the subject much thought, and have spent more time in laying out and working public roads than, perhaps, any man in my county. I am now over fifty-six years old, and have worked more or less every year since I was fifteen. From close observation I find that the better class of men are gradually becoming indifferent to the keeping up the roads in this as most other counties in the State.



I think that there should be one man appointed in each county (an engineer, if possible), and he with two other good freeholders should lay out all the new roads and review and make changes in the old ones so as to put them on as good grade and as firm ground as possible to suit the public convenience, also to employ overseers and pay them a reasonable compensation and require them to give bond for the faithful disbursement of all moneys that may come into their hands as such overseers; then require each able-bodied man from twenty-one to say forty-six to do two or perhaps three days' labor on the public roads, and levy a tax on all real and personal property to supplement that labor to work said roads.

It would be best, I think, to let each township have its overseer and pay its own tax, as then the money would be more judiciously expended.

The roads near the county sites could be kept up and even macadamized, by convict labor where needed, as the roads near the court house or near railroad depots are generally used more and need more work than elsewhere.

I do not say the above is the best method that could be devised, but think that or something similar would be a great improvement on the present system.

J. H. DOUGHTON.

#### ANSON.

1. The present system of working roads is very unsatisfactory in this county.

3. Should the public roads of the State be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll? I think that would give more general satisfaction.

5. Various opinions exist in Anson county in regard to roads. Some seem to think that the public roads ought to be worked by taxation, while some think that the present system would do if the law was carried out to its fullest extent. I think that a tax on poll and property would give better satisfaction and better results in regard to the roads in this county. We have bad roads, especially in the winter, and as good roads are necessary and essential to build up a county and its towns, and as the present system has failed thus far to accomplish the object, I think it high time to try some other remedy. We ought to have tools sufficient for road purposes, so that the roads can be worked. Our common farming tools are not sufficient to work the roads.

J. W. THOMAS.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The present road law is a good one.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present road law is a good one. The whole failure is in the supervisors, incompetent overseers and a total failure in all the officers of the roads to do their duty for the public, as business men do all private business. There is plenty of labor (and willing labor) summoned to work in every county who lose time which if applied right, and used as it should be, would keep our roads in good order. The grand juries of each county should examine the public roads at all times (bridges, foot-logs, &c.,) and report all failures of the supervisors to the Judges of our Courts, and thereby have the road law enforced, and good roads would be the result. As

it is, the supervisors never see the road, and anybody is appointed overseer, and when it is too wet to do anything else, the hands are dragged out into the mud to work on the highways. Authorize the overseer to take sixty cents in cash per day, at the first of the year, from any road hand who choses to pay rather than work, and with the sixty cents we can get a good hired day's work, whereas, nine-tenths of the hands, rather than pay one dollar per day, as now is the law, pretend to do their portion of the work, but stand about and do nothing.

M. E. BLALOCK.

ASHE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. I think the roads should be worked by tax on property and poll, except that insolvents might be allowed to work out a poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. My objections to assessments upon labor for working the public roads are, that it is almost impossible to get efficient work done when hands are called out, take twenty-five cents for each laborer per day, called out by that plan, and there will be more labor performed.

M. F. BAKER.

The present system of working roads in this county does not prove efficient and satisfactory. I believe the best method of making and keeping up the roads would be to levy a poll tax and a small amount on the property. We would have better roads and less confusion. Able-bodied men under the present system will send boys, from ten to fifteen years old, to make their time on the roads, and it brings about dissatisfaction. If the roads were kept up by taxation, it would stop all of that confusion, and there would be better roads. If a man was not able to pay his tax to keep up roads in money, let him work under an overseer at a certain price per day till he has paid his tax. I have given you my views and also of many others in this county, for I have heard a great many men say that they had rather pay tax to keep up the roads than submit to the present system.

J. M. CARTER, Register of Deeds.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor, as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present system would do if we could have proper overseers on all the roads, with the power to make all hands subject to the road law work. Some few hands work, while others kill time. Some of the hands are taken too far from home, when it might be otherwise arranged. The poll tax is the principal burden



of the poor class, and I don't think anything ought to be added to it for any purpose. I think all main roads ought to be kept up by a combination of assessments upon labor and property, and all common roads by the present system.

I am a great advocate for good roads, and would like to see them made on a better system.

JOHN W. BADGER.

BEAUFORT.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, with changes as suggested.

5. The chief fault with the present system seems to rest with the township magistrates, and their overseers, especially with the latter, who generally care but little about the roads, and consequently do not do their duty.

Upon enquiry, or canvass of this matter among many of the prominent citizens of the county, I find the following generally approved: Let the roads continue under the supervision of the township supervisors and be divided into sections as at present, but instead of overseers, let the supervisors of each township appoint one suitable man to be known as "Road Master," who shall have control of the working of the roads in his township, and let him require every hand, subject to duty, to work the full number of days allowed by law, if not upon his own section, then upon some adjoining or most convenient section of the road. Let the road master give bond, subject to the approval of the county commissioners, and let him be paid a salary or "per diem." To meet this expense, let there be levied a wheel tax or better perhaps a property tax.

This road officer would, under bond, enforce the laws, and see that the number of hands required to do the work were sufficient to keep the roads in thoroughly good order if the overseers, could be compelled or induced to do their duty.

BENTON STILLEY, Register of Deeds.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. There are many people who own heavy wagons, carriages, log-carts and engines that are continually on the roads cutting them up, and breaking down bridges, who do little towards repairing them.

I suggest that a poll tax of one dollar be levied on every man from eighteen to forty-five years old, and an assessment of ten cents on every hundred dollars worth of any kind of property, to be collected as other taxes and placed in the county treasury and used as a road fund. The roads should be worked with the money raised by such a tax. If one dollar on poll and ten cents on every hundred dollars worth of property is not sufficient to keep the roads up, then the county commissioners should be allowed to add on in proportion until the tax is sufficient to keep the roads in good order.

LOUIS T. MCGOWEN.

## BERTIE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory, but if the system were properly executed it would.
2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.
4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.
5. In my opinion, it would be best to continue the present system, and in addition thereto to levy a special tax on each one hundred dollars worth of property. Some of our roads are under the present system good, but other roads are in a most terrible condition, and cannot be remedied under the present system as executed.

X.

## BLADEN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.
  2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
  3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property.
  4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.
  5. For every vehicle so much a wheel on public roads should be levied, and also on every horse and mule used in drawing said vehicle, or traveling otherwise.
- The public roads of Bladen county are kept up by the laborers, who have no stock of their own, or partly so, and our roads, as a general thing, are in a bad condition.

A. McDONALD,  
Register of Deeds.

## BUNCOMBE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.
2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.
4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, and thereby all will do their part.
5. Have a State Superintendent of Roads. Under him have for each county a competent man as surveyor, to run lines, get grades, &c., &c., and furnish all necessary information to the State Superintendent and, under his instructions, to supervise the work of the foreman, who should be selected with great care. We cannot expect to find a man in each county who is master of road building. If we can find one in the State who is, and who will give his time to the work, he will be cheap at a high price. The surveyors should be paid good prices when working under orders of the Superintendent. I would rather tax everybody who



should work and then see that they do it, if allowed to work out their tax. As to the importance of good grades, I would say that our place is ten miles from Asheville, in the mountains, and I could grade a road in and out with no more ascent than on main street and it will be as direct, or more so than the present road. As it is, we go to the *deepest water level* and up over the *highest points* to be found on the line *three times* in the ten miles. The *cost of hauling* is at least *double* what it should be.

Brains, with authority to do and to make do, will give us good roads.

L. M. HATCH.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory, and never will.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. Free labor will never keep good roads.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll; but that would be a great deal better than the present manner.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property; that should become a law at once; it would be just and equitable to all.

5. The Mecklenburg road law, I think, would be a good law for all the counties in the State. The present method will never do—for it has been tried so long and still we have no roads. In this end of the State, the roads are generally in bad condition winter and summer, and the reason of that is the present method of working the roads is unjust and unequal, and is giving great dissatisfaction. The property holder don't work the roads at all, while the poor man who cares but little for the roads does all the work that is done, which is very little—just enough to keep him out of the clutches of the law. I think all men should bear their part in keeping up the roads—and that can only be done by a tax on property.

W. E. WEAVER.

#### BRUNSWICK.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county, I think, has proved efficient, and if not agitated by politicians will be satisfactory, or however will remain so.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, I think. It would be hard to tax a man for road purposes after he has worked until forty-five years of age.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. I think the present mode best.

5. With seventeen years' experience as a justice of the peace, and six years as a county commissioner, I am compelled to say that the present mode has proved more efficient than any mode practiced since my earliest recollection, especially for my county, Brunswick.

JOHN H. MINTS.

## BURKE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.
2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.
4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.
5. "The Mecklenburg Law," I think, a decided improvement on present method.

The public roads of our county exist only in name. In winter they are next to impassable. They have been left as our forefathers cut them out, without any reference to grade—over the highest hills that could be found. The overseer calls the hands out, they work over their section of road, throwing in a little brush and dirt often making the road worse than before.

B. H. SISH.

## CABARRUS.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. It is a perfect failure.
2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. They are never worked at all under this system, from the fact that the hands won't work. The roads will never be improved in this way.
3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. This is the only true method of keeping up the road; but do not tax the whole county for the roads of the same, tax each township separately to work its roads, and in case the township in which is located the county seat is not in proportion to the others in population and wealth, then extend that township so it will have its proportion of roads to work, and its proportion of tax to pay. This, I think, is the only true method.

G. R. SHINN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.
2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present,
3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. It might do if each were allowed to earn on the roads the amount of his tax, not otherwise.
4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. I think this would probably come most nearly to giving satisfaction.
5. I am fully aware that the same method of treating the roads all over the State might not be best, but at present we have our roads illy worked by too many overseers, who know too little about it.

The styles do not contemplate easy, rapid and safe travel. I know that there is a readiness to cry down supervisors, and yet I do not see how we are going to have good roads with men whose views are too narrow to comprehend the wants of the traveling public, or the duties of road masters to the public.



I would not object to working roads by taxation as above modified, but a combination, I think, would remove the complaint of many that they had to bear the burden of the roads while under forty-five years of age, and now also by assessments on their property. It would also get a little more service from a shiftless class, who are worth less than cost to the State, but claim all the benefits.

I think great care should be taken to prevent a grabbing of funds by supervisors, while they should be sufficiently remunerated, and held strictly responsible for neglect of duty.

It was urged against our late law, known as "The Cabarrus County Road Law," that if you wished to prosecute for a bad road, you could not find the man.

JOHN D. PRARRIER.

CALDWELL.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, because it would exempt certain persons, who get as much benefit as any one and would not assist in keeping up the roads, because they are worth nothing.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think that all men between the ages prescribed should work an equal number of days upon the public roads, and then if this is not sufficient, which is the case in many places, then a tax levied upon persons owning a certain amount of property, and as this valuation in taxable property increases, let the number of days they are required to work increase—or average it according to locality. In sections where money is plentiful, allow the amount to be raised over the *average* labor plan—to be paid in money—and where money is scarce, allow it to be raised by extra labor.

I speak of the labor plan because I know it is very hard in this county for many men to raise money enough to pay their State and county taxes, and to add to the amount of money to be raised, without an increase in their income would be burdensome, and many men can pay labor that cannot pay money. In much of this Piedmont section the roads require more work and much oftener than in many of the lower and eastern sections of the State, and hence my suggestion as to a labor plan. As to the amount of property that a man should own before he could be taxed to keep up public roads, I am not now prepared to suggest, but would say the amount should be small.

S. W. HAMILTON.

CAMDEN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. Working roads by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property is better than 1 and 2. Anything is better than those. I do not know that I understand, but if it means that those at present entitled to work on roads should pay their assessment of taxes in money, or work it out, then I say, yes, it is better than even the 3d question. Anything but the present system.

We shall never have any well kept roads in North Carolina till they are kept by taxation.

H. B. ANSELL,  
Clerk Superior Court.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our State has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The people of this county are satisfied with the present mode of keeping up the roads.

X.

CARTERET.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county would prove efficient and satisfactory if carried out, and we cannot complain as it is.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. It is the best plan for our county.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State might possibly be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. Enforce the present law strictly. The above answers were given by W. L. Arendell, one of our County Commissioners, and I endorse them.

J. T. EATON.

CASWELL.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory by any means.

2. The public roads of the State should not, I think, be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think our public roads are woefully neglected. The heaviest tax our farmers pay in Caswell is from neglect of our public roads. The tax collector does not come around and call for a *special tax* for working the road, but our people seem not to realize the fact that bad roads wear out wagons, kill up their teams, prolong the time of going to and returning from market, thereby creating a heavy and, to many, unreasonable tax, which would be avoided by keeping good highways, and in the end prove a lighter burden to our people.



In Caswell, before the *Stock Law* was passed, the heaviest tax our people paid was for fences. Many of our people were very much opposed to it, but now nineteen-twentieths, if not ninety-nine one hundredths, are strong in its favor, and now the heaviest tax we pay is brought on us by the bad roads.

AZARIAH GRAVES.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

FELIX ROAN,  
Register of Deeds.

CATAWBA.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

I think boys, under twenty-one years of age, ought not to be required to work roads, and that there should be some just equation between labor and property adopted in working roads.

GEO. W. COCHRAN,  
Register of Deeds.

CHATHAM.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not, in my opinion, be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think the Mecklenburg Road Law a good one. I have given you my own opinion to questions asked, and now I will give you my experience in legislation. While I was a member of the Legislature, in 1884-'85, I had a bill passed making the Mecklenburg Road Law apply to Chatham, subject though to a vote by the magistrates for its adoption, and only six or seven magistrates voted for it. So you see, in the county, taxation of any kind for the roads must be very unpopular. The present system never will bring good roads in the State.

J. A. ALSTON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. For a long time, it has been my opinion that the present system is a bad one and will not do. Having seen many articles on this subject recently, I am glad of this opportunity to express my views—which are those of an old man.

I think every man and woman over fifty years of age, who holds property, should be taxed a sum equivalent to the value of six day's labor, and every person under fifty years of age, subject to a poll tax, should work on the roads six days in the year, or pay a sum equivalent to one dollar per day, while all above that age subject to poll tax should be required to pay, say, seventy-five cents per day, the money thus raised to be paid into the county treasury and disbursed for work on the roads. Talk about working the roads by taxation! It won't do. Some would not pay any tax, while the land holders would have to pay a large amount of the tax raised, and all the rest go Scot free. I am seventy-five years old, and I am willing to pay my proportionate part, say seventy-five cents per day for six days. By this means, our roads could be put in first-rate condition. A supervisor, who should be an experienced man over fifty years of age, should be appointed in every township, whose duty it should be to report to a justice of the peace twice a year, and for the performance of his duties the supervisor should be relieved from the payment of any road tax.

JOSEPH A. HOUSTON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. Some few poor men think the roads should be, but those that hold property, think different.

4. A large majority think that the roads should be worked by assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. We, as an Alliance, are in favor of the fourth section, a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

All property should be taxed equal to, say two dollars a poll tax, a man that could not pay his poll tax in money, should make it up by work. We are also in favor of the Illinois Law for every township in the State to appoint three supervisors or commissioners to lay off the public roads into sections and advertise the letting out of said roads to the lowest bidder, who should be furnished with all tools, plows, shovels, mattocks and a scraper, who would make it a business to work said roads according to specifications. The tax should be collected in each township and expended in same.

It may seem hard and would be at first, but would soon become an easy matter to keep the road in good condition.



Each contractor should be required to enter into a bond, with good surety, to work according to specification, and be compelled to keep his tools in good condition when not at work, and held responsible for the same.

We are fully of the opinion that this is the best plan to put our roads in good condition and keep them in the same.

JOSEPH A. HOUSTON,  
for Mount Vernon Alliance.

#### CHEROKEE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. If the proper equation is observed. This would be a favorable feature and an improvement on present plan.

5. Secure, by direct taxation on property and poll, ample funds to put roads in good condition. Let them out at public outcry to the lowest and best bidder. Bind contractor in ample bond to faithfully perform his contract and hold the county harmless from all damages.

Our mountain roads are very hard to keep up under the present system. Thousands of acres of mountain land are owned by non-residents and held for speculative purposes, hence pay no road tax, while the poor classes have to keep up the road, and indirectly pay an unequal burthen of taxation.

G. G. WHITCOMB,  
Chairman Board Co. Com.

#### CHOWAN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory, at least, I think so from what the people say of it.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. If the method of working public roads is changed, put it on the poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. Our county taxes are at present very high, and we do not think it right to lay a tax on the property of the county to work the roads. At one time and until I resigned the commissioner's office, I was county commissioner, supervisor of roads in my township and overseer of the road, although for four or five years too old to work on public roads. We have some complaint with us, but it comes from those who are always ready to vote, but not to pay taxes.

The best thing that I can suggest, is to take three men of judgment in each township for supervisors of roads; elect them or appoint them for four or more years and let them take the same jurisdiction of all road matters as do the magistrates at this time, and for their services exempt them from road service while acting supervisors. Some of the magistrates are upwards of fifty years old, and the supervisors get nothing for the supervisorship, &c.

E. J. BURKE.

## CLAY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

5. We think it best to levy a special tax to work public roads on persons who are subject to work roads, which is from eighteen to forty-five years of age. In working public roads under present system the overseer sometimes starts out to warn men to work road, and he will give notice to meet him at a certain place on a certain day at eight o'clock. Some will be there on that day and put in a good day's work; some will come in at ten and do nothing; and some will not come at all. So under present system those that are willing to work, have the roads to keep up, and those that are not willing to work do nothing. So it gives some a chance to do about what they please. If they had to pay a tax, it would be better. In regard to taxing property to keep up public roads, I do not think that it would be just for old men over forty-five years of age, that have served for years working roads, to pay a special tax to keep them up, or even widows that have a little property left for themselves and their children for support. We think that it is better to levy a road tax on those subject to road duty, and let out the road to lowest bidder and let those subject to work roads, put in their time on the road at certain wages per day under the contractor to satisfy his road tax.

JAMES SHEARER,  
W. S. LEDFORD.

## CLEVELAND.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory. There will always be some who are dissatisfied when they have to work for the public.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. We have about as much as we can pay to keep the poor, criminals, bridges, &c.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. It appears that roads are worse for their situation; when they might be on good level land, they are often down into some ugly valley for the convenience of some man who has built his house convenient to a spring or some other attraction, consequently the road is in a mud hole.

I think the present system of working the public roads is about as good as we could adopt, with some little improvement. Thirty-six hours ought to be long enough time to warn hands to work roads, instead of three full days, and seven hours for a day's work in winter and nine hours in summer.

The public roads are being ruined by *hill side ditches* being turned into them. It has become very common since the stock law has been in force, although there is a law bearing on the matter of turning water into public roads, yet it is not sufficient. There should be a very heavy fine on any man who would turn a ditch or gully into a public road. The present law says, if he turns water into the road he must turn it out. Overseers are ruining their roads by plowing up the roads—making the earth loose to wash away. This is done because it is



quickest, instead of making turn-outs. Overseers are imposed upon by farmers throwing brush and everything else into the roads that happen to be in their way in the fields.

It appears that capital is wanted to do everything. Labor should work the public roads. Laborers can work the public roads at fifty cents a day, but if capital has it to work, then we may expect to pay big prices. The fact is, the State is not able to hire her roads worked, in my opinion.

R. G. WELLS.

1. The roads in this county are not kept up as they should be.
2. The people generally seem to be satisfied with the present manner of working the roads.

3. The majority of tax payers think we are burdened with taxes now.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. We do not think a mixture would do well.

5. If the roads were kept up by taxation upon property they would be in a better condition generally and would cost less than under the present system. The road master takes from six to ten of the stoutest men in the settlement and they labor all day on the roads, yet but little efficient work is done. If the roads were worked by taxation, some competent man could enter into a contract for keeping them in good condition and would hire a few hands, who would do more than is now done and do it better. Here is the trouble, however: There are a great many able-bodied men loafing around in the settlement who do not pay scarcely any tax, and if the roads were worked by taxation, a few men would have the burden to bear, as they do in everything else. Taking everything into consideration, I do not know a better plan than that of passing a law compelling those able-bodied men to work on the roads, and the overseer should have power to make them do good work and perform their duty.

JOSEPH G. WILLIS.

#### COLUMBUS.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. The letter of the law is not carried out, therefore the roads have got in a miserable condition.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

5. Unless the present law is more rigidly enforced, there is no other way to improve the public roads. Both the supervisors and overseers are too timid to have work done as it should be, therefore roads are in bad condition everywhere.

I have been an advocate of taxation to keep up the public roads for eight or ten years for three reasons: 1st. There is one class of road hands that wont work when pretending to work. 2d. In a great measure the very persons that wear out the roads, never do a lick of work on them, at least that is the case in our county. 3d. Every little public place in the country is incorporated, and a good portion of the able-bodied laborers flock around those places and escape the roads, leaving the roads scarce of hands in many places. In my opinion there ought to be a poll tax for road purposes with the privilege of doing so much work for so much money, and in addition to the poll a small tax on certain class of property—

say wagons, vehicles, real estate—for good roads are a great saving and increase to valuation for all. I do not know of but one overseer in this portion of my county that does his duty, and he is bemeaned very much, but still he goes ahead, and if one fails to do his part, he puts the law to him immediately, therefore he is making a good road in a low flat section of the county. I am a strong advocate of good roads, and am in hopes that our next Legislature will take the right steps for the improvement of roads, if not had better abolish the whole road law.

DEMPSEY COLEMAN.

CRAVEN.

1. The present system of working the public road in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The best way to work the roads is to do so by money taxation on poll and property. Let the property that is taxable be liable for a certain per cent. for the purpose of putting the roads in good order, and then let the roads out, to be kept in good repair, to the lowest bidder. The present system is bad, as it takes men from their work at a busy season, and at a time when it would be most profitable for them to pay the money for having their proportion of the road work done. Then, too, most of the work on the roads is done with hoes, when it should be done with spades. If a man is able to own land he is able to pay a tax to keep up the roads. I have lived in several States and like the New York system of working the roads best, that is, to pay all taxes in money, and have the road work let out to the lowest bidder. I hope some such system will be adopted in our State.

F. H. COOK.

CUMBERLAND.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I have traveled a great deal over different States and have given the road law much thought. In the manufacturing districts, it will do to work the roads by taxation, but we are farmers, and it wont do for us—we can work the roads easier than we can raise the money to have it done. How would it do to grade our public roads with convict labor? Our road law is good enough if it is carried out properly. We need three good tax paying men appointed as road detectives on every road section, to make the road overseers do their duty.

L. L. WORRELL.



1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory—quite to the contrary.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. I think persons of property should pay more towards road working than those who have none.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property. A man may be liable for a poll tax, and not have a foot of land, or even an ox to tread the road.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. I think the land owners should be liable for the working of the roads, as they would be likely to use them.

5. I think property taxed to raise funds the best, and let the county commissioners in the several districts appoint a suitable man to oversee, and hire good hands at one dollar per day, of ten hours, when necessary, and give an order on the county treasurer, approved by the commissioner of that district.

If a hand working the road, should be due the county any tax, it would be expected of him, to let his labor go towards the payment of said tax, and any surplus should be paid him in cash.

It should be the duty of each district commissioner to report at the monthly meeting the amount of work done in his district, and such report filed in the office, in that way, the monthly expenses could be kept up with, and the amount of work done.

The present system seems unsatisfactory, generally, so far as I can learn.

Should the man who has an ox be required to do as much work on the road as a man who owns several teams, and is constantly using the roads, hauling timber, turpentine, &c? I think not.

G. S. DEMING.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. It is directly objectionable.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. If not by taxation, the convict labor should be utilized in this way.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked, I should say, by taxation on the property.

5. The public would be materially benefitted if the convict labor was placed on all public roads—first, because of its objectionable features to honest labor; second, it would debar the monopolist and railroads from receiving the benefit of their labor at an insignificant figure, and an increase of the public debt; thirdly, the convict labor employed in this capacity would not directly, nor indirectly, come in contact with honest labor on railroads, thereby increasing the wages of labor in all its branches, and necessarily disburse more money to wage-workers, and place them in a position to meet all demands from taxation and decrease the delinquents of the State.

H. S. MCPHERSON.

## CURRITUCK.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.
2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.
4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.
5. We think that the number of days for working the roads ought to be left with the supervisors and not be cut down to six days per year.

J. J. FEREBEE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.
2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
3. The public roads of the State should, I think, be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.
4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.
5. The only trouble I apprehend in working the public roads by taxation upon poll and property is, that the property owners would, in most cases, pay all the tax, as there are so many shiftless persons who would not pay the poll tax; or at least a good many do not, and are returned insolvent.

P. H. MORGAN.

## DARE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has given perfect satisfaction.
2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.
3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.
4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.
5. The justices of the peace and commissioners of this county think it best to keep up the roads by assessments upon labor. The plan of taxing property and poll would not do. We don't want any change.

G. W. OWEN.

## DAVIDSON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in this county is a sad failure.
2. We think it very unjust to force men between certain ages to work the roads without compensation.
3. Think they should be worked by taxation on property and poll, unless an arrangement can be made for the prisoners of the State to work them.
4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.



5. I do not see how the present system can be improved and made efficient without taxing the laboring classes to a ruinous extent and injuring the farming interest of this country.

The present system of working roads gets worse every year, as the roads wear down into gullies. The most of the public roads in this county are very near impassable during the winter months, and in bad condition all the time.

I have long been of the opinion that the convicts should work the public roads, at least the shorter terms, say five years and under. Some claim they are more expensive than free labor; well, if they are, they are now a cost to the State, and if the cost should be more, it would relieve the poor laboring man of a heavy tax, and, I think, be the means of having good roads, which would be more real benefit to the farming interests and laboring classes than any one thing that could be done. I do hope our next Legislature will relieve the honest laboring classes from working roads without pay, and in their stead put the convicts to work on them.

ALEX. SWICEGOOD.

DAVIE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not kept the roads in as good condition as they should be; there has been some dissatisfaction.

2. I think property and labor should bear their proportionate part.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State, worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, would be a good system.

5. The above defines my position; hence have no further remarks, except that the roads should be greatly improved at once in some way.

E. FROST.

DUPLIN.

1. The present system has proved efficient and has come as near giving satisfaction as any tax or burthen can give.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, unless we could devise a system by which the citizens of towns and cities should contribute—as good roads aid in building cities and towns.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. Labor is always more plentiful than money in this county.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by labor in the country, supplemented by a tax from the towns and cities—in counties where there are large towns.

5. The present system and methods of working the roads, perfected by one hundred and fifty years' trial or experience, is as well adapted to the circumstances and environments of our people as any that can be contrived.

There were in 1879 one hundred and fifty-seven thousand farms in North Carolina, and each farm will average one road worker, either in the owner or his son; and lands worked by tenants will furnish, by estimation, forty thousand more

road workers—making a total of two hundred thousand road workers in the State.

North Carolina has an area of about four hundred miles from east to west, by about one hundred miles from north to south. This area checked off at a distance each way three miles apart by roads, will give twenty-six or thirty thousand miles of roads—thirty thousand into two hundred thousand gives six road workers to each mile. The present law requires each worker to work yearly six days—six days at fifty cents per day, three dollars; six hands to each mile at three dollars each, eighteen dollars a mile that our roads cost annually, under our present law. To work them by taxation as effectively, will require a tax equivalent to eighteen dollars for thirty thousand miles, or five hundred and forty thousand dollars. And public funds are never as economically or as judiciously expended as private funds in a successful business.

The usual terms of rent for farms is one-third of the crop, except cotton, and for that, one-fourth. This shows that tenants have two-thirds of the products of rented land, and are in the same ratio interested in the working of the roads. The ten per cent. of wage earners are paid by increased wages and the cheapening of the merchandise they purchase.

JNO. A. BRYAN.

#### DURHAM.

1. Durham County is working under the Mecklenburg Road Law. Some complain at tax; others approve and think it a good law.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. We think it is to soon for that.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, if taxed at all. This is the plan with convict labor, as per Acts of 1887.

5. You will find on page 630, Acts 1887, that convicts can be worked on the public roads. Now, would it not be well to use the convict labor, supplemented with assessment upon labor and a small tax, left to the discretion of the Board of Magistrates and County Commissioners? It strikes me that the above plan would be amply sufficient, and also meet with public favor.

I delayed my answer in order that I might find the feelings of the people as best I could. I have put it before three Farmers' Alliances, and the above was the unanimous opinion. Any of the road laws that we have had for the last fifteen years have been good enough if they had been properly executed. It strikes me that an inspector for each county might do great good.

JOHN T. NICHOLS.

#### EDGEcombe.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county, I cannot say, has proved efficient or satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, and both supplemented by convict labor.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property would be preferable to the present system.



5. It has impressed me that the best and most equitable manner of working the roads would be a tax upon *wheels*. Only those who own vehicles, or are able to, are interested materially in better highways. Livery men, physicians, pedlers and others who now contribute nothing, and are most interested in good roads, could then reasonably complain of the inefficacy of the road hands and threaten the overseer with indictment. Notwithstanding we are taxed to keep up the public schools, you can never convince the ignorant laboring man, who does all the work on the public roads, that the rich man should not contribute liberally to that end also.

I am over the road age, a large tax payer for this section, no political aspirations, and therefore feel at liberty to express myself. ELIAS CARR.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The roads should not be worked altogether by assessment upon labor as they are at present.

3. The roads should be worked altogether by taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State might be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. STEPHEN JONES.

#### FORSYTH.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county, if properly carried out, would prove efficient, if not satisfactory.

2. I think that public sentiment would say that the roads ought not to be worked altogether by assessments upon labor.

3. I am certain that a majority of voters of most counties would say that public roads should be worked by tax on property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property is our present system.

5. The old system now in vogue in some counties should certainly be changed some way. As to our system, we think it is about as good as we can get it. Forsyth County adopted what is known as the Watson Road Law about two years ago, which has been the law under which Forsyth has worked her public roads; though it caused a good deal of dissatisfaction at first, yet it is the best road law that we have ever had in this county. Our roads are gradually becoming better, and, under the present law, Forsyth will eventually have good roads—and until we get something better we ought to cling to it in our county. We will soon have roads, of which no county in the State can boast of better, yet it does not give satisfaction, but is not carried out as it should be.

People are fast becoming in favor of working roads by taxation, which, I think, will soon be the way in which the public roads will be kept up. It is the only just and fair way of working roads. The roads around Winston and Kernersville are being worked by persons who were sentenced to work at last term of Court, which, if rightly managed, would prove a good way to keep up the roads, and also keep many from the penitentiary. J. G. FULTON.

#### FRANKLIN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. It works a hardship upon the poor.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. The law should leave it optional with men to work out the assessment, or pay money.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, that will supplement the poor man's labor on the road, with an equivalent in money.

5. I suggest that the public roads of the State be taken out of the clay gullies, and let there be an equal value put upon the poll and money, and if poor men choose to work theirs out on the roads, to do so.

The system of working the public roads in North Carolina previous to the war, was well enough, as it was almost entirely done with slave labor; but the system does not suit free labor, and should be amended.

Put the poll at one dollar and let property equal the poll by assessment; then leave it optional, I think, would work an equality and give satisfaction. Then make it compulsory with overseers and hands on the roads to make and keep good roads.

Give overseers authority to take the roads out of the clay gullies, and then roads can be kept up.

It is impossible to make good roads in every instance, where they are in clay gullies.

There is such gross irregularity the way the roads are worked now, that neither the overseer nor the hands take any interest in working them, and the roads of the State are so nearly gone down, that they are not fit for respectable steer-cart ways.

S. M. STONE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory to some of our citizens.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, and the implements to work the roads properly should be furnished the hands. The road hands have no tools fit to work with.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think the present mode of working the roads would prove satisfactory if the commissioners would furnish tools to work with. The hands generally bring old, worn out hoes and shovels and pretend to work half a day, at the most, eight hours, four times during the year, just before court-week, and just in time to escape an indictment in court. Farmers do not miss the time spent in working on the roads, as it is, while if we should tax the people to work the roads the taxes would be nearly double what they are now. I am opposed to taxing the poll or property to work the roads, as I am sure the money would be badly expended. The overseer would want one dollar for three hours' work, riding around collecting the road hands together, and each hand would want fifty cents for four hours' steady work, and, in order to make money easy, the overseer would have the roads worked every time it rained, and we could not live under the burden of taxation.

B. H. WINSTON.



1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory, owing to our present road law. While the act passed by our Legislature was compulsory, the present system of working public roads did very well, but now amounts to almost nothing.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. If the Legislature will pass an act compelling persons to work on the roads, or be fined and imprisoned for failure to work, it would be found to be the cheapest mode for getting them worked.

3. The public roads of the State worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll would be a good plan if the hands or poll could be forced by law to pay a tax to work the public roads.

4. Let the roads be worked by labor as long as we can, which can be done if we have a law to force labor on the roads, but without such a law it is nothing.

5. If the public road law of the State was so framed as to compel persons to work, or pay a fine or be imprisoned for failure to do one or the other, it would work better. The present method amounts almost to the loss of time. So, give us what is called the Mecklenburg road law, instead of the present one, or let the convicts who are sentenced by our Courts to the State prison for short terms be employed, with an overseer, to look after the work on the public roads in the counties where such convicts are sentenced. At all events, let some plan be adopted through which we may have better public roads.

A. J. P. HARRIS.

GASTON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present road law should be rigidly enforced. None but competent men should be appointed overseers. In addition to this, there should be levied upon property, a tax sufficient to complete what the present system fails to do.

None will deny that the roads are generally in bad condition. The only exceptions, I observe, are where they are favorably located.

In my section of the State the location of the roads is often the very worst that could be chosen, i. e. to suit boundary lines and the shape of fields, &c.

Being a practical surveyor, I often notice needed changes of location. Roads are mostly located over the highest parts of steep hills instead of being graded around, as near level as possible.

If a competent engineer were employed in each county to properly locate the roads, and then the present system of working well enforced by the appointment of competent overseers, and to this added a tax sufficient to make the bad places good (by macadamizing if necessary), we would, in a short time, have much better roads, and, with the experience of a few years, we would have good roads without feeling the expense.

JOHN C. FITE.

## GATES.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has neither proved efficient nor satisfactory. In the summer time our roads are excellent; in the winter they are execrable.

2. We will never have good roads until the work is paid for.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. Our public roads should first be put in the best possible order, at public expense—that is to say, elevated in the center and sloping on either side, so that water falling on the center will readily run off on the sides, where there should be ditches to carry it away. After this is done, they might be turned over to the overseers, with hands allotted, and overseers should be required, under strict penalties, to keep them in such condition as they are now worked, that is, by an assessment on labor. The great need of all our low-land roads is proper drainage, and this can only be done effectually, I think, by the mode suggested above. Many of our roads, by long use and imperfect work, have become lower than the adjacent lands, and, as a natural consequence, whenever we have a heavy rain fall, instead of readily flowing out of, the water flows into and down the road, or stands in hollow places. The work required to place them in the proper condition is really more than the hands can do under the present system; whereas, if they could once be put in proper condition, they might be easily kept so. In many sections, too, there are not enough hands within the road-working age to do half the work required to place them in such a condition as to be permanently good. Under the present system, they never will be any better than they are now. I think, too, the overseers should be afforded every possible encouragement in the performance of their duties, and should be paid a fair amount for one day's services in ordering out their hands. All material necessary for building foot bridges over swamps, &c., and for hollow bridges, should be furnished free to the overseers, the amount and kinds necessary for these purposes to be determined and certified by the board of road supervisors.

These remarks are given as embodying my experience of perhaps twenty-five years in the management of the road affairs of my township, as a member, formerly, of the Board of Township Trustees, and latterly of the Board of Supervisors.

JNO. J. GATLING.

## GRAHAM.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. The present system of working the roads suits our people much better than by taxation.

W. F. MAUNEY,  
Register of Deeds.

1. The people of this county are divided in opinion, but generally favor present system.

2. The public roads of the State worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, would, we think, prove efficient in most parts of the State.



3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State might be kept up by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. It is the opinion of the people of this county generally that a combination of assessments of tax on labor and property would be the proper mode of keeping up public roads, but in some parts of Graham county the present system is satisfactory.

R. A. OWNBY.

#### GRANVILLE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think the best way to work the public roads, would be to tax both poll and property, and the roads divided into sections and let to the lowest bidder to keep in good order, and if a man would not pay his poll tax, force him to work the road at fifty cents per day without board.

T. D. WALLER,  
Chairman Co. Com.

#### GREENE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not altogether proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. The burden of keeping up the public roads should fall upon all men according to their financial condition.

There is a sentiment to work the roads by taxation both on poll and property, and I think the principle is right.

W. M. CARRAWAY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, because it is unfair and unequal.

3. The public roads of the State should, I think, be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. The present method could not be made equal and just in my humble opinion. I would like to see the next Legislature pass an act, giving justices of the peace more jurisdiction, and especially over petty larceny, and allow them to dispose of all cases where property does not exceed five dollars valuation, and instead of sending them to the penitentiary, and from there to work for some railroad company at the expense of the State, put them to work on the public roads of the county, and to that add a small tax for their support, and to hire other hands to

work as hired hands and guard. It would not take but a small lot of hands to work the roads in a big territory in the eastern counties, I am more than glad to see this question investigated.

WM. L. DORSETT.

#### GUILFORD.

1. The present system of working roads has not been satisfactory. We are divided in opinion as to which is the best system.

2. There could be some improvement in reference to working the roads.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and the poll. At least, some of us think working the roads on this plan would do very well if there were not too much taken off the poll.

4. We think men that have considerable property have more use for roads generally than any other class, and that they should not be excused, let the property consist in what it may.

5. I am ready to confess that I have not made myself familiar with this subject, but it does seem to me that there could be legislation to this effect: Give the poor man a chance to pay his tax by working on the public roads, if he desires to do so. Some men who have served out their time under the present law think it hard to be taxed now to work the roads, while other young men, especially those who have but little property, say they think it hard for them to keep up the public roads for men who have large property. But the public roads are a greater advantage to the poor man than many of them in our county seem to think. We, as farmers, feel the burden of our taxes keenly now, and would say, let it come a little lighter these hard times.

JOHN E. CLAPP.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. We can never have good roads under that system.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. I think that is the true plan, but give the poll a chance to work it out at so much a day.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, that is the true plan and should work well.

5. I would say, put a tax on the poll of say three dollars, let them pay it or work it out at so much a day, common wages, then supplement it by a tax on property sufficient to make good roads.

I have served as an overseer for several years, and as township trustee, and I think I know what I am saying when I say the old system is a failure. The coming Legislature should take the matter in hand. The up-country demands it. Nothing will induce immigration more than good roads, and we must have them.

J. VAN LINDLEY,

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor any longer than it will take to adopt a better system.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxa-



tion upon property and poll, and that paid out by the State in clothing and guarding convicts, which will not increase the present taxes.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present system is, perhaps, the worst that could be adopted for several reasons:

1st. Overseers are appointed without any regard to fitness for the position. It is an unpleasant and unprofitable job and must be passed around among the hands until all have taken a turn; and there is a law that no one can be forced to accept oftener than one year in three, provided he reports his road in *good condition*, which they all do; therefore overseers are often appointed who feel no interest in good roads and have no judgment how to work a road, so the work of one year is worse than lost the next year.

2d. The present system is demoralizing. The law requires that the overseers report upon oath the condition of their roads twice a year to the township supervisors, and often they will report their roads in such condition as the law requires that public roads should be, when there is perhaps not a whole section of road in the county in such condition. They do this without once thinking that they are swearing falsely. It has been said that in some counties it is impossible to get in the Superior Court a true bill against a road overseer for neglect of duty, because of the sympathy or interest of the grand jury.

3d. Road day with the older hands is a day to gossip and tell yarns; with the younger, a good time for athletic sports, so nobody works any more than they can help. Why should they work? If they were to work all the time that the law will allow the overseer to work them, they could not put the road in good condition—so between the jokes and sports, they throw a little dirt in the worst gullies and remark: "that the man who can't get along this road, ought to stay at home." Then the overseer is ready to swear that his road is good, "for all the hands said so!"

The remedy:

1st. Repeal the present road law; order every book in the State containing a copy to be burned, and make it treason for any North Carolinian to retain a copy in his possession.

2d. Work all public roads by convicts; or at least work all the convicts on the public roads except such as are convicted of capital offences. By this, I do not mean only such convicts as are now sent to the penitentiary, but all who are adjudged to pay costs, or fine and fail to do so; let them work it out on the roads instead of lying in jail twenty days and then taking the insolvent debtor's oath, and the county paying the bill.

I would like to dwell and enlarge upon this subject—say what roads should be public roads, and which cart-ways—show the saving there would be to the State by adopting the convict system—but space forbids.

P. H. HODSON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

3. It is the general opinion, in this part of the county, that they should be worked by taxation upon property and poll.

5. I think the best method of working the public roads would be by a monied

taxation, and by letting the roads to the lowest bidder, in sections—allowing subjects to work out their tax or a portion of it, say fifty per cent. of it, at a reasonable price per day.

As the law in regard to the roads in North Carolina now stands, there are but few, comparatively, to keep up the roads, and they are generally men of the poorer class, who have little use for roads more than foot paths, and are required to work six days in the year, which is a heavy tax without any remuneration or compensation. Therefore they go on the road feeling that there is an imposition somewhere, and that they are the ones imposed upon. I am satisfied we will never have good roads in North Carolina under the present system. The roads in this section are comparatively good—but I do not know a road in Guilford County that is a lawful road.

The present system of working the roads is an unequal and unjust system of taxation imposed upon the poorer class of citizens generally.

O. A. LOWE.

HALIFAX.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present system works well enough. With few exceptions our roads through the county are in good condition, and overseers are required to keep them so.

I am familiar with the system of working roads in this county. It is undoubtedly the best that can be gotten up. With the tax payers it gives universal satisfaction. In a meeting of the board of magistrates last June a motion to adopt the Mecklenburg Law received only one vote. As it now stands, all classes have to do their share of working, whereas, should it be changed to an assessment on poll and property, the land owners would have to pay the whole or nearly the whole tax. So you can see it would be very objectionable to our people who pay taxes. What is true of Halifax County is true of all the counties in Eastern Carolina.

L. VINSON,

Register of Deeds.

HARNETT.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. The prevailing opinion in this community is that the present system is a very poor one.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, I think is the general opinion here.

3. The public roads of the State worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, is more popular here.

4. The public roads of the State, I do not think, should be worked by a combi-



nation of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, but do not know the general opinion.

5. We need some system for working the public roads better than the present.

J. H. BENTON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. I think it would be fairer by taxation.

3. The public roads of the State worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll; I think, would be more just.

5. I think it would be fair to tax all real estate and polls for road purposes.

JAS. A. JOHNSON.

2. As to whether the public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, the people are divided, some favor the present law and others favor that the roads be worked by taxation.

3. In a small county like this, they could not raise revenue enough inside of 66½ cents to meet county expenses and keep up the public roads.

4. I have, no doubt, but the roads could be made better by keeping them worked by taxation and by assessments upon labor.

5. If an equal tax on the poll and property were levied to keep up public roads about one-fourth of the polls would get off as insolvents, and under the present law all work the public roads between eighteen and forty-five. There is no trouble about getting hands to work the roads that never pay any poll tax. R.

HAYWOOD.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved satisfactory. It seems impossible to get the law executed.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I know of no method by which the public roads could be improved under the existing laws. The law is as stringent, almost, as can be, and if the roads were worked out, and kept up to the letter of the law, we would have good roads, but we can't get this done while we have a grand jury to find true bills and a traverse jury to judge as to the guilt or innocence of the party indicted. Hence, other and more efficient measures ought to be adopted at once. Our roads are almost impassable at some seasons of the year. I have heard quite a number of men express an opinion in favor of working by taxation, and am decidedly in favor of this, and think it will meet the wishes of a large majority of our people, but such a law ought to provide that a man may pay his tax by working on the road, that is, the road tax, and let the overseer pay him the same per diem that those who hire get. This is the only means by which we can get good roads.

C. M. CARPENTER,  
Register of Deeds.

## HENDERSON.

The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. If properly managed, the labor system would be best.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think one of the troubles of the present system of working the public roads is, that the road supervisors do not do their duty as prescribed by law. They do not inspect the roads. Another defect is in the law requiring the road supervisors to make their report in August, the time of the year when roads are naturally good. The overseers, knowing that at that time the report is to be made, simply brush over the already good roads, and the supervisor reports them in a good condition. The Courts seem to have lost sight of the public roads, by relying on the inspection of the board of supervisors, whom, in many instances, fail to ride over and examine the roads, as the law directs. I think too much is required of the road supervisors, unless they were paid for their services. Many of the justices of the counties are over the age to work on roads, and consequently get nothing for their road services. I think there should be a road inspector appointed in each township, with such pay as would enable him to carefully inspect the roads twice a year, and that he be required to report, at each term of the Superior Court, the true condition of the roads in his township, with such other information as the Court should know, and that it should be a misdemeanor, punished with a heavy penalty, for the inspector to neglect his duties, or make a false report of the condition of the road. I believe a small tax levied on property, for the payment of the inspector, and for furnishing material to build and repair bridges and causeways, might be an improvement on the present system of working the roads. I consulted with the chairman of the Board of Commissioners of this county, and he about agrees with my views in reference to the plan above suggested. The country is becoming thickly settled, and there are plenty of men of the road age to keep the public roads in good condition, without making it burdensome, if properly managed, and the greater number of them can better afford to work than to pay the tax.

B. T. MORRIS.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State might be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State might be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. My notion has been that every one should keep the road up on his own land.

J. A. GARREN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.



2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think it would be better to have one overseer to each township, and let the State furnish good tools, and let each able bodied man between the age of eighteen and forty-five be subject to so many days in each year, and the balance be done by taxation. I think, by this means, the roads would be bettered and a great deal of time saved. These suggestions are without very much thought.

T. J. STEPP.

#### HERTFORD.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I cannot see how the present method can be made efficient. There will have to be altogether a different system.

W. L. DANIEL,  
Register of Deeds.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not altogether proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. I have questioned several of my friends in regard to working the public roads, and find that most of them think it best that they should be worked by the poll tax and a very small tax upon property.

The above is my idea of working the public roads.

GEO. W. BAKER.

1. The present system of working the public roads in this section of the State is not satisfactory.

2. The roads should not be worked by assessments on labor. It would not give satisfaction.

3. The roads should be worked by taxation on real estate property and pay the laborer so much per day.

4. The roads should be worked entirely by taxation upon property.

5. If the roads are worked by taxation, and labor hired for that purpose, we will always have good roads, because we can hire such hands as we want and pay them so much per day. I think this would give more satisfaction than any other way the roads could be worked. If they are worked by taxation, the overseer can hire good hands to work and keep the roads in good order; and if he

had a hand that was not good he could discharge him and put a good man in his place.

WM. M. ROOKS.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. It would be, I think, better than the present system.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property would not be as good as taxing property and poll.

5. To tax property and poll and let the roads by the year to the lowest bidder, and require our justices of the peace to see that they are kept in good order would, I think, be a good plan.

T. E. VANN.

#### HYDE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, might answer as well.

5. I think the public roads of this State should be kept by taxation, as under question 3. The poll and property should be taxed with the same equation as it is for other taxes; for instance, ten cents on the poll and ten cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation of both real and personal property.

There is considerable restlessness among the laborers of this county on account of the unfairness of our present road law. Our largest property owners contribute nothing towards keeping up the roads.

R.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. I think that the most effectual way of keeping roads, ferries and bridges in good order is by a toll. The best roads I ever saw were those upon which a toll was levied. In some parts of Maryland you will find toll roads, as well as in western New York and Pennsylvania.

Our roads are hard to keep up, owing to low lands. If the State would do for us as it has for Beaufort and Washington counties, we could then keep our roads up with but little trouble.

From Alligator P. O. to Columbia, *via* the head of Frying Pan, is about nine miles. At least five miles of the road is made. The remaining four miles is through a deep swamp. This renders it impossible for the road hands to keep up



the present roads and build the additional four miles. This road runs through State lands well timbered, and if they were drained, as they could be, they would soon be taken up by actual settlers.

J. C. MEEKINS, Jr.

IREDELL.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. No suggestions to offer, as this is still a vexed question, and the proper method has not yet been found.

T. M. C. DAVIDSON.

Register of Deeds.

JACKSON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State might, perhaps, be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. Our roads are in very bad condition under the present system. I think the roads should be worked by taxation, although the taxes would come out of but few people in this county, as there are so many poor people, yet I think we could have better roads.

S. T. EARLY.

JONES.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory, but more satisfactory than if worked by taxation upon property.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, unless part of the poll tax now appropriated to schools could be applied.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

J. A. SMITH.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor, as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. In my opinion the present system is outrageous. I have consulted several prominent men of the county upon the subject. They all agree with me upon the following plan with the exception of a few:

The public roads should be kept up by taxation. The tax should be on the poll, real estate and personal property. The roads should be divided into sections, and let out by the county commissioners to the lowest bidder for the term of twelve months. The contractor to be responsible for the road, and the said contractor make a quarterly report to the supervisors as to condition of his section. That it be the duty of the supervisors to see that the roads are kept in a good condition, or in other words for them to have the same power over the contractor they do over the overseer under the present system. I think a system of this kind will meet the wants of the public, or at least the people of my county.

JOHN F. BALLARD.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. There is considerable complaint among the laboring class in reference to the present method.

3. The public roads of the State, worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, would not do well.

4. Working the roads by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, is a plan favored by non-property holders. The major portion of property owners oppose it.

5. We are of the opinion that the present method, with the assessment of a wheel tax for working and keeping up our public roads the fairest and most efficient. Where a man is subject to the road tax, exempt him from paying tax on a pair of wheels.

We have bad roads, and a great deal of dissatisfaction exists.

The laborers contend that they have to keep up the public roads almost entirely themselves, while the more favored citizens use them and cut them up with their carts, wagons and vehicles of pleasure. While many of the laboring class claim that the law compels them to give six days labor and furnish their own tools to work with, many others of the laboring class never use the roads only as pedestrians.

The property holders contend that they furnish funds to keep up the public schools to educate the children of non-property holders, and that the latter class ought not to grumble.

My suggestion in regard to the wheel tax appears fair, and ought to satisfy all classes, as a small tax of a few cents on every vehicle would help our roads very much, and at the same time have a tendency to please everybody.

I have enquired diligently among our people, and send you the opinions of all classes.

JAS. D. STANLY.

JOHNSTON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory where there have been good, competent overseers.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, unless the people can be relieved of the present burdensome taxation they are subject to.



3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. We think the present road laws ample and sufficient if they were properly and rigidly enforced. The fault is with incompetent and careless overseers. As an evidence of this, we so often find one section good, while an adjoining one will be almost impassable, though, as is often the case, it is naturally the worse from hills, clay, &c. If inefficient and careless overseers were invariably indicted and punished whenever their roads get bad—(let them know that the law will be enforced for every violation)—and then make good selections for their successors, we would have good roads, and all the complaint we hear of would cease. Let all overseers work their roads well, ditching on each side and throwing up the middle the highest, and afterwards they will find but little trouble. Say it will take three days in succession (in the bad sections), and our word for it, for the next eight or ten years one day per year will keep them in good order. This should always be done in the month of August after crops are laid by and they will get hard-packed by the wet season in fall and winter. We speak from actual experience, as we did this for eight years on one of the worst roads in the county.

D. T. HONEYCUTT, Chm'n.

J. D. FINLAYSON,

J. J. YOUNG,

G. G. EDGERTON,

N. T. COLE,

County Commissioners.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. I think the roads should be kept up by taxation and convict labor.

5. I think if the present method of working the roads remain as it now is, that there should also be convict labor used and assigned to each county to ditch and throw up all the roads in low lands where they need to be ditched and thrown up, and any other pieces of road where it taxes the hands too much to keep them in passable condition. It seems that we have a good many convicts, and I think they should help to keep the public roads of the State in good condition instead of working them all on railroads; work a part of them on the public roads of the State.

JOSEPHUS JOHNSON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. It is the best plan for all, both rich and poor.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. We do not think this would be so good.

5. Our roads are generally in a bad condition. We need some law that will make better roads, and one that will force every one who has a cart or wagon road leading across his land to keep the same in good order. It would be but a small expense and would greatly benefit every traveling person. If the path is not worth keeping in good condition, fill it up, so no one can pass. I have talked with several good men in regard to this, and they all say keep the roads up by taxation.

D. B. LASSITER, M. D.

LENOIR.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon poll only.

5. Levy enough tax on each male person twenty-one years old and upwards to fifty years old. The public roads in our section of country are very little trouble to work, and I am sure that it would give general satisfaction to work all public roads by taxation, and to equalize the matter by simply raising a small revenue on each poll.

GEO. L. HODGES.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The public roads of my county are kept up badly, owing to, as I believe, the present system of working. Public roads, like all other public property, should be worked by the public, and this can only be done by taxing property and the poll, and combining labor.

E. W. WOOTEN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think that property ought to pay its just proportion towards keeping up the public roads—say as much as one poll for every one thousand dollars' worth of property, real and personal.



I do not think that public sentiment is sufficiently wrought up to the importance of good public roads to justify any radical change in the present road law. The principal defect in the present law is the want of explicitness. The supervisors and overseers are at a loss to know what is a lawful road. A road may be clear of stumps and roots and yet be almost impassable. A strong bridge may be made of fence rails and poles, but they should not be used on public roads. The worst feature of our public roads is the private bridges across ditches running across the public roads. The law does not make it plain enough whose duty it is to see that these bridges are kept in repair.

W. L. KENNEDY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I really think our roads should be worked by taxation upon property, because the poor man has to loose his time when he has neither horse, dog, or cat, while the man that own his horses, oxen, cows, wagons, carts, &c., only has the same to do as the poor individual who has nothing.

W. H. SMITH.

LINCOLN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I have heard the opinion frequently expressed that it would be better for the people of the State if the convicts were put on the public roads instead of on railroads, and upon the same terms. I would suggest that they be divided among the several congressional districts equally; which, with a light property and poll tax, (giving those liable for poll tax the option of paying in labor,) will give us good roads in a few years—and when once made good, can be kept so by convicts with very little expense.

H. E. RAMSOUR,

Register of Deeds.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked by convict labor and taxation.

5. I think, as we pay to keep up the prisoners of the State, it would be better to put them on the dirt roads than to give them to railroads for nothing.

W. C. CRITZ.

## MACON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. R.

## MADISON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The system we now have seems to me very imperfect, because the roads are so badly kept up; they are worked just enough to keep the grand jury from returning the overseers to the courts, and this work is generally done a few days before court. When the work is done, it is only to patch up; for instance, where there is a washout, loose dirt is just thrown in for the next rain to wash out again, when if the road-bed had been raised, it would have remained good for years. I think our laws, if enforced well, would effect good roads, but the grand juries have been too lax so that the public roads are a terrible incubus to general progress. Roads never will be "worked" till they are worked.

The "usual way" now is to go when summoned and get the road to "look" as well as possible with a force of forty men really doing the work of four able-bodied men.

We ask in the name of all who are tired of bad roads, if there is any way for help, let help be given.

JOE BRANCH,

J. M. CAMPBELL.

## MARTIN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. The law should be amended so as to make it more effective.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The public road law, as it now exists, is good enough, with some slight amendments in the way of simplifying it, and then it should be rigidly enforced, when we will have good roads or roads very much improved, at any rate.

A. P. BARNHILL.



## MCDOWELL.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

A. J. DULA, Chm'n,  
R. H. MOORE,  
JOHN CARSON,  
County Commissioners.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked by assessments upon labor as at present, in part.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, and let both be paid by labor or the money, as the parties chose.

5. The old plan would do, if the magistrates would push road matters according to law. It is always a failure, or has been up to the present. Laws must be executed if people would wish to be prosperous.

WM. A. MCCALL.

## MECKLENBURG.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. The Mecklenburg road law is a very great improvement over the "general road law." The board of justices have kept at the minimum of taxation, consequently the law has not had a fair showing to make roads.

2. The people are not educated up to the point of all tax on property—so two or three days' labor and the rest done by tax on property is the best that can be done now.

3. The public roads of the State worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll is the cheapest for the State and most economical way, but as stated above, the people are not educated to that point.

4. As to whether the public roads of the State should worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, see question 2d.

5. The best method to "work the roads" is for the State to adopt the township system, require each township to keep up its own roads. Every dollar raised in a township should be spent in said township—tax property in town as well as country—raise the money, and the roads can be made good, without it they cannot.

There are only three ways a State can keep in repair its public roads and highways:

1st, tax on labor; 2d, tax on labor and property; 3d tax on property. The first was the old Feudal system introduced here by the slave-owners, and should have been abolished with slavery. The second is the only one the people are ready for, and the labor tax should not exceed three days with privilege of county authorities reducing it to two days. The tax on property should be left to the board of justices of each county to levy not less than ten nor more than thirty cents on the hundred dollars; with a proviso, if the justices of a township think the tax not sufficient for their township, they can recommend and have levied an additional tax for their township. This system is like an old Indian-rubber shoe, it is elastic

and will fit any county, if not much tax is required for a county, not much is levied, if much is required, a greater tax is levied, in other words it leaves the amount of the tax with the authorities of each county. The tax should apply to towns as well as country. Our country people have borne the outrage of road tax about long enough. It would be as fair to require the towns to support every other department of the State government as to make our country people bear the burdens of keeping up the public roads, for the roads cost more each year than all the other departments of the State government combined. With the exception of slavery nothing else has so retarded the development of our State. The third, tax on property, is the cheapest and most economical for the State, but as our people will probably not be educated to that point during this century it is useless to comment on it.

S. B. ALEXANDER.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory, or nearly so.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor. They are not worked that way in this county; the Alexander special road law being in use in this county, taxing labor and capital.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. They should be worked by taxation upon property and by so many days' labor on poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The special road law known as the Alexander road law has been in use for several years in this county, and has already *very greatly improved our roads*, and will continue to do so while the law is in force. Property owners, especially in Charlotte, demurred to the law at first and, through one of its citizens, made a test of it in the Supreme Court, but the decision went against them. The law allows all the money levied on the property in a township to be used in that township. In this way, Charlotte township (which is four miles square), has been greatly improved in its roads by macadamizing, and we firmly and certainly believe that the spirit of internal improvement has been greatly aroused by the law in our county. The surplus money thus accumulated is spent in the way of macadamizing sections of roads in the different townships, or in causewaying it with poles and in furnishing plank for small bridges that are needed. The large bridges, being entirely under the control of the county commissioners, are affected very considerably by the recommendation of the respective boards of township trustees. For two, three and even four miles out from Charlotte, the public roads have been graded where everything has not been covered with rock or poles. This work has been done altogether by convict labor, furnished by the criminal court, and such short terms as magistrates are allowed to sentence criminals for. Besides the improvement the roads receive from the enforced labor of convicts, we find that the moral effect in restraining crime (we think) is *very great*.

S. W. REID.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. This system is in use in Mecklenburg county, and seems to give satisfaction. There was objection at first, but complaints have about ceased.



The improvement I would suggest is that, instead of a levy of ten mills, as at present, twenty-five mills be levied on real and personal property, and that the same be judiciously used in grading and macadamizing. An annual amount thus expended would, in a few years, give us first-class roads. SAM'L YOUNTS.

## MITCHELL.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, would be an improvement upon the present system.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. A system of this kind would give more general satisfaction, and the condition of our roads would be greatly improved.

5. We think a county superintendent of roads indispensably necessary, and that we have a uniform system as to condition, grade, &c. That certain specific delineations be set forth by said superintendent under which all the public roads would be let to contract semi-annually, and worked by assessment upon labor and tax on property.

Since the reception of this sheet I have had the opportunity of consulting a number of my county-men as to the best method of improving and keeping up our public roads, and they have invariably said by money taxation upon property and poll, or assessment upon labor and taxation on property. W. H. OLLIS.

## MOORE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. It would be satisfactory in our community.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. From the fact we can better spare time to work the roads, than to raise money to pay for the same.

5. The present system would be entirely satisfactory with us if the present law were faithfully carried into effect. There is enough time spent in our county working the roads to make them lawful roads, but by reason of misdirected efforts the work done is usually washed out by the first rain. In our township (Cape Fear) we have a number of sections graded, the centre of the road-bed is elevated so that the water runs off upon each side, consequently does not wash the road-bed. But the trouble is, we have been unable to get all overseers to work in this way, notwithstanding they know when a road is once graded in this manner there is very little labor required to keep it up. If we could get the supervisors of adjoining townships to work their roads after the manner stated, in twelve months from this date there would be no complaint about roads in our township.

J. O. A. KELLY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. Our roads are in bad condition.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. We think that if the roads were worked by taxation that we would have better roads, and at less expense to the laborer.

The question, however, to be considered, is whether or not this law is founded on the principles of justice or not, where is the justice in a law that compels a man who has no property—and it may be has a large family to support on small wages—after he has labored hard all this summer—to board himself, furnish his tools, and work at hard labor for several hot sultry days in August where, to say the least, he will not be benefited one particle, while the man with a fine plantation, or the merchant, who has made a fortune contributes nothing.

The more one reflect upon the present road law, the more he is convinced of the gross injustice of such a law.

We would say, let every man contribute in proportion to his possessions for the public roads, &c.

J. J. EDWARDS.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon the poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. In regard to working of the public roads in Moore county, I have made some inquiries on the subject in answer to your questions. I am of the opinion that the taxation should be put on the poll. In my opinion, there should be no assessment put upon labor or on property. In asking the people from the different sections of this county their opinion as to working the public roads by taxation, they seem to think that it would be a good change if the taxation is put on the person who works the public road and pays poll tax. Those who are over age and exempt from road duty, say tax should not be put on property, and I am of the same opinion.

B. W. SPIVY.

MONTGOMERY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

A. R. MORRIS,

Register of Deeds.



1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. I think that it would be the most efficient as well as the most satisfactory way that the public roads could be worked.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, I think, would be decidedly better than the present system of working the public roads.

5. I would suggest that the prisoners confined in the county jails, as a punishment, be worked on the public roads for the periods for which they were imprisoned, and until their fines and bills of costs are paid; also, that those confined in jail for non-payment of fines or costs be made to work out the same on the public roads; that all who fail to pay their poll tax on or before the first Monday in January, after said tax is levied, be made to pay the same in work on the public roads, and after all this labor has been expended on the public roads, if there still remains work to be done, let the same be done by a tax upon property and upon the poll.

I think if some such plan were adopted, it would be a means of lessening crime, and would be a great saving to the county in the way of jail fees and costs, while the poll tax would be more easily collected.

D. I. EWING.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I don't think that the manner of working the public roads can be bettered by taxation.

V. MAUNEY.

NASH.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. A tax, if a sufficient quantity can be levied within the constitutional limit, should be levied upon property and poll to have the roads properly worked at least six times a year.

The present system of working the roads is a failure, and always has been, and the county roads of to-day are no better than they were in the days of our grandfathers.

B. H. SORSBY, Ex-C. S. C.

## NORTHAMPTON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. I think that the best plan.

5. I think the present road system, if it can be called a *system*, one of the most abominable things we have. Instead of having careless, ignorant persons for overseers of roads, we should have the most intelligent and business like men, pay them for their services and require them to have the roads kept in good condition. I think the roads, in this section at least, a disgrace to the State. Sometimes, in driving, you are compelled to go over poles uncovered for perhaps half a mile. It is either that or mud up to the axles. If you can improve the road system, you will have performed an eternal service to your fellow-citizens.

J. A. BUXTON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory. I hear of no complaint of the present system.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. After careful consideration of the subject of working the public roads, I have come to the conclusion that our present system is as good as we can have it. It would be of considerable cost to be done by taxation, while at the present system it cost very little work and time, as it is done most always at a leisure time, by young active men, who enjoy the work and novelty of the occasion.

J. W. BUXTON.

## ONSLow.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think if supervisors were more attentive to their duty and report all roads not well kept, it would give us better roads. We work our roads about two days in the year. The law requires six days.

The subject of taxation in our county is a sore subject, unless it be for a railroad. It may seem hard for the laboring class to keep up the roads for the property holders, and equally so is it hard for the property holder to be taxed to school the children of the laboring class. So I think it about equal. Onslow county



would oppose keeping up the roads by taxation. I think I speak the sentiment of my county.

E. L. FRANCK.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proven efficient, and is satisfactory to property owners. There is some dissatisfaction among the laboring classes, still not much is said about it.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. I do not think it is just and right.

3. If, by taxation at all, it should be by money taxation.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. This would make very difficult the collection of the tax, it being of two kinds, and would cause the assessment to amount to a great deal less than the money for assessment.

5. As the poll cannot be taxed without the tax running through the property, I think that it would be well to keep up same system adding thereto a tax on team (horses, mules, asses, oxen, &c.) A wheel tax has been spoken of, but that would not be just for a man might own two vehicles to every team while another might own two teams and no vehicle at all, and borrow his neighbor's vehicle, thereby using the road as much or more than the first and pay no tax at all, while the first would be paying two taxes. Still he would be compelled to keep these other vehicles for the different changes of his work. The vehicle cannot go without the team, but the team can go without the vehicle, therefore, to get directly at the use of the road put the tax on the team.

X.

#### ORANGE.

1. The roads in our county have not been in good order, and the present system is not satisfactory.

2. I am at a loss to know what system will improve the present one.

3. I think the people of the State prefer to work at a leisure season of the year in preference to paying a money tax.

4. Assessments upon labor and taxation upon property was tried in Orange for two years and failed to be satisfactory, and the law was repealed at last session of the Legislature.

5. I think the present system will come as near giving satisfaction as any. The reason why the roads are not worked better is that the law has not been enforced as it should be. Some sections are worked well and others are worked but very little. I think it impossible when it is so wet and the roads traveled as a great many sections are to keep them in a good passable condition. During the last few months even the streets of Durham were impassable, and the roads nearly as bad.

MATTHEW ATWATER.

#### PAMLICO.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. I believe most of our people think that the roads should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The roads cannot be kept in good condition under the present system without being too burdensome to the laboring class of people. X.

PASQUOTANK.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. It is, perhaps, the fairest and most efficient plan. Land owners have to drain the back country from the roads to drain their lands, and thereby make the country drier and easier to keep the roads in order.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, because, as hinted above, the private taxation of draining the lands benefits the public enough without additional taxation, and makes the burden upon the lands fall more heavily than upon the laborer, as the law now stands. There is already too much money collected by officials.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present plan suggests itself as the best. All the ditching and draining done on the farms adjoining the roads by property holders for the benefit of their fields, benefit the public roads, and that is a sufficient tax, and perhaps more than their proportion, even if the roads were kept in repair by taxation upon property and poll combined. But for the private draining done by the property owners, the public roads could scarcely be made and kept at all in this level country. Private individuals spend thousands of dollars sometimes before public roads can be made at all, without much expenditure of money and labor by the public. It strikes me, if you count the benefit to the public done by private draining, in making the public roadways drier and making the people more comfortable in travelling, and more healthful by having a well-drained country, you must see, to lay aside political bias, that some such plan as the present is the fairest. The people are already burthened enough by *tax money* extorted from them by tax-paid public officials. The poor farming and laboring class of people can much more readily spare a few hours in filling up holes in the roads and cleaning out the side-drains after the big lead-ditches have been made by land owners, than they can pay the Sheriff a dollar cash. Cash is hard to get. The people, at least the farming people, are already burthened by *cash taxes* without finding any more channels through which *money* can be *drained* into the hands of public office holders from the pockets of the tillers of the soil.

J. R. ETHERIDGE.

PENDER.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not entirely proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, provided the insolvent poll tax payers were made to work out their tax. C.



1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The roads should be worked by poll tax as far as it will go.

3. After poll tax on the road at forty cents per day is worked out, then by taxation on property.

5. I am forty-nine years old, and have always had to help keep up the roads and pay my poll tax besides. I long to see the time come when those who pay no poll tax will have to pay their tax or work it out on the public road at forty cents per day and feed themselves, or go to the penitentiary. In Pender County we have three hundred and sixty-five able-bodied men who will not pay their poll tax. If these paid their poll tax the amount raised would do much to help the school fund.

A. J. MALLARD.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory, owing to a defect in the law which does not give time enough.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation on polls but not on property.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The law ought to be amended so as to allow an overseer to put the roads in good order, whether it took six days or ten days; it ought to be left entirely with the overseer, and not confine him to six days, which the present law does.

J. W. COWAN.

#### PERQUIMANS.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county is satisfactory with me but not with the majority of the people.

2. I say work the roads as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I am satisfied with the present system and think it good enough. We can work the roads at leisure seasons, and it is not like paying the money; but as to the majority of the people—the poorer classes—they want it worked by taxation, the money to be paid out of the general taxes. I think that if the farmers were made to cut out the ditches along the road and level the dirt in the road, it would be of some advantage.

H. A. GOODMAN.

1. The present system of working the public roads is not satisfactory; they should be worked by taxation.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation on property.

5. Many of the people of Eastern North Carolina desire to have the roads worked by taxation. It would give more satisfaction and cause us to have better

roads. The present system of working roads compels a man to work so many days in the year, and when the road day comes off the overseer of the road goes around and warns his hands on the road; the hands know they will not get any pay for their day's work, and they make it late before they get there, and then they take their own time—work when they please and rest when they get ready, and the overseer has no power over a set of hands to make them work. It may be law for him to have power over his hands, but nine times out of ten, he can't do anything with them—they do as they please; whereas, if we were to work our roads by taxation, we could hire a man for so much a day to oversee the work and let him hire his hands, and if they failed to work then they would not get any pay. When a man knows he is not going to get any pay for his work, he does not care whether he works or not; but if he is getting a dollar or a dollar and fifty cents per day, he will work willingly. So, by working the roads by taxation, it will give us good roads, and the amount of tax to each person will not be much.

My idea is, that the roads should be worked by taxation on real estate and not on the poll. Nine-tenths of the people in this section are in favor of working the roads by taxation.

A. J. SKINNER.

#### PERSON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory by any means.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present system is totally inadequate to the demands of the public, simply because the consideration as to pay both superintendent and hands is naught. The arrangement should be, to tax the property (you might, with propriety, tax the poll lightly), because the property owner is almost exclusively the party interested, and the superintendent being paid properly for his services, you will then, in my judgment, have good roads.

S. P. SATTERFIELD,  
Register of Deeds.

#### PITT.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. As to whether the public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, public sentiment is divided. Property owners favor; labor opposes.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. This plan would meet more favor and give better results.

5. I would recommend the enactment of a law directing the County Commissioners to employ a section master for each township or district, to be paid out of the county fund, who shall have supervision over the public roads in his district and be responsible for their condition. All convicts for less than one year to



work the roads under such regulations as the county commissioners may provide. All male persons to work between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years of age, not more than six days in any one year, and not less than eight hours per day, and for each day's work the person so working, upon producing section master's receipt, shall have credit of fifty cents per day on the poll tax charged against him the year the labor was performed. All fines and forfeitures for non-performance of road duty applied to road fund in district imposing the same. All other repairs and expenses to be paid out of county fund.

JNO. KING.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I am satisfied there ought to be some changes. I think it wrong for the roads to be worked by taxation entirely, and I also think it just as unfair to work them by labor alone, but how to combine the two I am not prepared to say.

F. WARD.

POLK.

1. The present system of working the public roads in this county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property. Say three days' labor in twelve months, and the rest by taxation.

5. We are of different opinions in our county as to how is the best way to work the public roads. The majority of those who are subject to road work are in favor of taxation on property and poll.

I am not subject to the road law myself, but my opinion is that the best plan is that of a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation.

One of our commissioners has stated to me that he prefers the present system of working the roads.

WM. R. JACKSON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, if the law was so amended as to allow overseers to work as long as may be necessary to keep roads up.

The accompanying interrogatories were handed me by the Register of Deeds of this (Polk) county, with the request that I answer them. You will see from my answer to No. 2, just how I stand on the question. If the law were so fixed that

the hands liable to work on public roads were forced to put in such an amount of work, and after that was exhausted, supplement the work by a small tax on property, it might be an improvement. The question was submitted to the Board of Magistrates and County Commissioners some months since, and by a large majority they decided that the present method of working the roads was the better plan.

The law at present does not allow an overseer to summon his hands to work but six days in the year, and in our mountainous country it is quite impossible to keep the roads in good repair. If the law would allow the overseers to work the roads so much as may be necessary, without limiting them, it would, in my judgment, be better.

W. M. JUSTICE.

#### RANDOLPH.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I am of opinion that labor and taxation combined is the true method of keeping up our public roads; six days in the year is not time enough to work to put our roads in good condition. If we had them in good order, it would be sufficient to keep them so. I think that if our present road hands were furnished with proper tools and plows, road scrapers and teams and wagons accordingly, they would do three times the labor they now do in the same length of time. I have consulted some of our principal and strongest tax-payers, and they concur with me, we must have better roads. I am chairman of the board of road supervisors. Our county has only three members on the board of county commissioners, and I am one of that board.

A. S. HORNEY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present system would prove comparatively efficient if the law were duly executed.

W. F. CRAVEN,  
Register of Deeds.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, as it proves disadvantageous to a good many.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, as it would come near giving all justice.



4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, as partiality would be used in so doing.

5. I think, to the best of my knowledge, and from what I have heard others say, that it would be preferable to work all public roads by money taxation. I, for one, had much rather pay taxes to hire the work done than to do it myself, as I could make more in one day at my business than it would take to hire my part done.

J. M. CAGLE.

RICHMOND.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property will do better than present system.

5. I have canvassed the working of the public roads by taxation freely among the farmers and other professions, and all agree that the present system of working the roads is a failure, and should be remedied by law. There is nothing more popular with the people than a law to work the roads by taxation. I have not found a man yet who is opposed to working the roads by taxation. The next General Assembly should pass a law to that effect—for it is readily admitted by all that the present system is a hardship upon the poor class of our people, and it should not be required of them by the law-making power of our State. The people say, give us a law to get pay for our work, then the public will have good roads to travel in the near future.

J. CHAPPELL.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. I have been overseer of a road myself, and I have heard a great deal of complaint.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present; there should be a change.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. That is my opinion, and the opinion of most of the people that I have heard express themselves.

4. I think it should be as set forth in the questions above.

5. I think the public roads of Richmond County should be worked by taxation on property and poll. The present law is very unjust; the poor man who, perhaps, does not own a horse or wagon, is required to work just the same as the man who, perhaps, has five wagons and fifteen or twenty horses and mules. I say that is unfair. Some sections of the road are not one-fifth as hard to keep up as some others. Let some man take a section and hire hands and work the road until he gets it in good fix, and then let him work it whenever needed.

D. L. REYNOLDS.

ROBESON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory in this part of the county (Alfordsville).

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. I think the present system better than by taxation.

5. I think the present system the best that could be adopted. I would be in favor of assisting the present system, however, by making criminals, such as are confined in the county jails for petty offences, and all such as are put in jail for fines and costs, work the public roads. I think it would be best to make all such work out their time on the public roads and on such roads as are hardest to be kept up. If this were done to aid the present system, I think it would be a vast improvement on keeping criminals in jails at a dead expense to the counties. By this means, I think, most of the roads would be kept in good condition without any additional tax on labor.

CHAS. MCRAE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not entirely proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I will not venture to make suggestions, as we have not had much experience with bad roads in Robeson County, it being sandy and not liable to cut up deep.

The deficiency in the present system is, with us, on account of the inefficiency of the "road overseers." In most cases with which I am acquainted, the overseers are men who do *nothing* well, have no business capacity, and no tact at working hands.

I think boys under twenty-one years old should not be required to do any public work. They are allowed no voice in governmental affairs.

T. IVEY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not entirely proved efficient and satisfactory, but it is not the fault of the system.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. I suppose this is as fair as any.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

R.

ROCKINGHAM.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. The roads of the State should be worked by taxation, and the convicts should be put to work in the counties from which they hail.



There is great dissatisfaction in this county with the present system of working the public roads. We have all our tobacco to haul to one market during the winter, and our roads get almost or quite impassable. We should have three or four roads, at least, in good condition, running to and from the principal places in the county. Leaving out education, this is one of the most needed improvements in the State.

J. V. PRICE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory with all except the colored race.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor, as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. The colored race do not own property as a general thing, but are tenants and use the public roads to market their produce as much so as the whites, and none of them or but few pay any taxes on poll.

W. D. HIGHTOWER.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. A sufficient tax should be levied at once to put the roads in good traveling condition. This would be somewhat expensive at first, but the expense would decrease after the roads are put in good condition.

Our roads are in a most wretched condition, and will continue so as long as the present system of working them is continued. I do not think there is a lawful road in this county, if so, I have certainly not seen it. There is nothing which retards the progress of our State so much as the miserable by-paths (called roads).

THOMAS B. MOORE.

ROWAN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. I am not certain whether the public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll or not.

4. The public roads of the State should, I think, be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. That the present system of working the public roads is not efficient nor perfect is very plain, but just what plan to suggest I am not prepared to say, yet I am somewhat inclined to think that the roads should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

W. P. COOPER.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think the best method for keeping up the public roads is, to require all males between the ages of eighteen and forty years to lay them off and work them.

J. O. LUDWICK.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I would say, let the hands liable to road duty between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years work out their poll tax, and then let them be paid the balance of the days they work by a tax to be collected from the land owners, and the overseer to be paid a little better from the fact that he has all the trouble.

I would further suggest that there be a county inspector for the county in connection with the public bridges, and that he be a good mechanic able to build a good bridge, and able to know what a good bridge is, and let him be a man of energy and skill.

JESSE BARGER.

RUTHERFORD.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. I think that the people would rather pay a tax to keep up the roads.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. It would suit the farmers better.

5. In my county we have a great many men that leave on account of working the public roads. I think that to levy a tax would make everything right and better for all. I have heard a great many say that they would rather pay a tax than to work the roads.

P. H. HOLLAND.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property would probably be better than present system.

5. If the law were carried out we would have good roads.



The overseers are not strict enough. They fail to work more than two days in the year, and then only part of days. The supervisors are not faithful. They fail to examine roads and fail to report the overseers. I think the present system would do if carried out according to law.

W. H. HARRILL.

SAMPSON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory, but some roads need more work than six days in a year.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, but if it is changed, I think the poll should be taxed for that purpose.

5. The present plan does very well, but I think the roads could be better kept up by taxing the polls for that purpose, and hire it done by labor, and have about four masters in each township, and then there would be better work done on the roads. By the present system, the road hands meet and they only work about two or three hours a days. Let the magistrates in each township collect its own tax and have the roads worked.

A. LEE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, so far as this county is concerned.

5. As to this county the general sentiments of the people, as far as I can learn, are in favor of the present system of working the roads.

MARSHALL LEE.

STANLY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory, as a general rule. Much depends on board supervisors.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, as the present system of labor is more easily paid than money on poll as taxation.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, as the property then will be fully represented—equal to labor; and property holders use the roads more than those who only pay on the poll.

5. Think the law should be rigidly enforced on overseers and supervisors. I am of the opinion that the reports of overseers and supervisors never go to the grand jury. I also think a great many overseers are deficient in their judgment as to how to work a public road. Think each county should employ, at good wages, one or more competent men as overseers in each township, and give them entire control of each section of hands, and hold them strictly responsible for the condition of the roads in their charge. The cost might be considerable, but believe the roads, in a short time, would be greatly improved.

WM. D. KIRK.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. We wish the roads to be worked by taxation on real estate.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property.

4. The roads should be worked entirely by taxation upon property.

5. The public roads of this county at present are worked by labor. No taxation is levied for the working of the roads. We wish them to be worked by real estate taxation only.

FRED. V. LILLY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think that the public roads should be worked by taxation throughout the State. I will be glad to see the time come when this is done.

J. T. SCARBORO.

STOKES.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. I think it would be difficult to get a general satisfactory method of working the public roads. Taxation, I believe, is the best.

D. V. CARROLL,  
Register of Deeds.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property.

5. We believe that the roads should be worked by taxation on property, and then those who have no hauling to do would not be compelled to keep up the roads.

F. FULTON.

SURRY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has generally proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

4. I think the combination system would give our people more satisfaction than the present.

5. I think our public roads should be worked as much as possible by convicts.



Our present system of working public roads would be better if we could get our overseers to put more work on the roads, but both overseers and road hands look upon the work as labor for which they get no compensation, so the hands generally "kill" all the time they can, and the overseer just has enough work done to save himself from being indicted. It seems to me, that under the present system the overseers ought to receive some pay for the time consumed in summoning the hands and being responsible for the road.

I am heartily in sympathy with your labors in gathering information on this subject, and hope the result will be better roads. I am not as familiar with this subject as I would like to be, but, before I penned this letter, I talked with some of our leading men on the subject and got their views.

ALBERT L. BUNKER.

SWAIN.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not fully proved efficient and satisfactory, but more so than any other system heretofore.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, we think, the best system of working roads in our country.

5. We think the best system for our mountain roads is to levy a small property tax, so as to furnish the hands with suitable tools to work with, and also powder and fuse. There are a great many rocks in our roads that cannot be moved otherwise. I know this to be a fact, for I am one of the members of the board of supervisors, and know that there is complaint almost every meeting for the lack of those things. I am satisfied that a system of this kind would meet with the approbation of the majority of the good people of Swain County.

H. J. BECK.

TRANSYLVANIA.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. Property owners want taxation on the poll. The people want taxation on the property. Which is right?

R.

TYRRELL.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory, with some few exceptions.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State, worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, might be an efficient and satisfactory method if properly worked.

5. I do not know of any other method that would prove more satisfactory than the one we now have, although it does seem to me that a better method of keeping the public roads in good repair would be by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property and vehicles. We have good roads and but little trouble in getting them worked under the present system. Any proposition to keep up the public roads by taxation will meet with a disapproval by the people of Tyrrell county.

W. H. H. COOPER.

#### UNION.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory. I don't think the majority of people approve the present system.

2. My opinion is that the present system should not be changed.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think the State should levy a tax sufficient to purchase necessary tools to work the public roads; or, in other words, I think the State should furnish tools. But I cannot possibly see wherein the system of labor could be made more perfect. Certainly the roads are for the general public—for the accommodation of the rich and poor, the white and the black—and all should keep them up.

As to levying a tax, it is already, in most of the counties, high enough, and if it were not, I cannot see that the system would be made better, especially in a farming section, and as it is now, if any hand prefers not to work, he can pay his tax and he is excused.

So far as I am able to ascertain, I think those who wish the system changed to the system of taxation, are men who own no property, and want the property to work the roads.

R. B. REDWINE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property, if laborers are allowed to work out their taxes.

5. I am of the opinion that the present system of working the public roads in this (Union) county is a very unfair system. I think it would be a better plan to have the public roads worked by taxation on all property and polls to be known as the Road Tax. Let the county commissioners of each county distribute said



tax to the townships in equal proportion, then each township employ an overseer at a salary, and let it be his business to employ hands and work the roads in said township.

A. J. PRICE.

VANCE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not entirely proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. Have the present road law enforced. The present system is sufficient, provided the law is rigidly enforced.

Our people are opposed to an increase of taxation for any purpose, especially for the purposes you name in this circular. I speak of the people generally; of course there are those who favor working the roads by "taxation upon property and assessments upon labor," but they are few in our county.

J. H. DUNN.

WAKE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll in the proportion of ordinary use, and of benefits received.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present method is founded upon the doctrine of *per capita* labor; that is to say, every able-bodied adult male citizen living within the road district is, in contemplation of law, a "hand," and liable to six (6) days' labor *per annum* upon the public roads, under the direction of an "overseer," and at his own expense for time and implements, subject to a penalty of five dollars fine and five days imprisonment and the cost of prosecution for every failure to respond to the order of the overseer. It is only another name for an exclusive tax upon the poll, and involuntary servitude. In plain terms, it is *villanage*!

The man who barely owns the rags upon his back and travels barefoot across lots and our woodspaths to his employer's log-hut, which he temporarily calls "home," maintains the highways, while the Lord of the Manor, who keeps forty teams and loaded wagons daily upon the road and owns every foot of God's green earth for miles around, furnishes a substitute, or resides within the limits of a cross-road municipal corporation and contributes absolutely nothing!

No argument or illustration will add force to the conviction that such a device is a relict of the barbarous ages of the Pyramids, the Chinese Wall, the great Irrigating Basins of India and the Cyclopean structures of Assyria, erected at a cost of

millions of human lives, without reward or recompense. It is true that we sacrifice no human life to gratify the passing whim of Power; but it may be observed on the other hand of the oppressed peoples of the Cyclopean era, that while they, as we, labored under the goading spur of the driver and were accounted "hands," they were not required to *furnish their own tools* under severe penalties!

That refinement of cruelty had not been invented, and so they were graciously permitted to make their bricks without straw. Nevertheless, the principle is the same, to-wit: *the arbitrary oppression of the weak for the sole and exclusive benefit of the strong.*

It is undeniable that labor should contribute its equitable quota to the maintenance of the roads, but an equitable ratio can only be in proportion to the benefits received, and these are far below the constitutional ratio of ordinary tax upon property and poll, for labor uses no roads to their detriment, and receives no *direct* benefit of calculable value. Indirectly it profits through the land owner, whose facilities for easy, cheap and expeditious transportation are greatly improved; but the merchant in the contiguous exempt municipal corporation receives a thousand fold the benefits of labor by reason of the extended area and increased volume of his trade alone.

I have not, and do not purpose to suggest any alternative system of road making, further than to remark that of all the so-called systems ever devised among men, ours is the most iniquitous, stale and unprofitable; the last visible relict of Feudalism, which ought to be abolished. When this is accomplished, it will be found a simple and easy thing to adopt from the systems approved by centuries of experience, a system adapted to the conditions of our country, the material of our vicinage and the requirements of our people, without wrong, oppression or inordinate expense. Many systems have been tested by ages of experience; the world is full of text-books describing their character and value, and the country is not wanting in brains to understand and apply the lessons they teach.

A. W. SHAFFER.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, if you could devise means to collect it on the poll, and maintain the present ratio between property and poll—that is three hundred dollars in property taxed same as poll—this system will do.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property—I have never seen labor that was given or assessed, prove satisfactory. Ordinarily five men paid, will do the work that ten will who give the same without remuneration.

5. I think with aid of convict labor and a better enforcement of the present law, slightly amended, we could have fair roads. The superintendent of work-house should be furnished the best appliances for working roads; overseers should be paid one dollar per day and furnished tools, and be required to give bond for safekeeping of same and proper working of roads. And instead of requiring one dollar per day for failing to work, let it be sixty or seventy-five cents, which



will hire more work done than two will do free of pay. I do not say the present way is best, but if we keep it, these changes will help its efficiency. Have fewer roads and bridges and better ones, should be the motto. It might also be advisable to have from one to three supervisors who should be held responsible for the proper working of roads. Let them inspect the roads not less than three times per year, and have entire control of roads and be amenable to law for failure to do their duty. Pay them one dollar and fifty cents or two dollars per day for not over six or eight days per year.

These suggestions apply principally to present plan of working roads. If they are to be worked by taxation, I think contract system might possibly be best. It would require considerable outlay for tools to work roads properly, so no one would like to engage in the business without having enough work to do to pay them for fixing for it. This might somewhat interfere with our convict labor, unless the county contracted to do the work, which might also bring about the difficulty of convict and free labor in contact.

THOS. JOHNS.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not entirely proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

5. In giving the above answers to questions from you, I have not given my own opinion, because I am a young man of small experience, and I do not consider the opinion of such a person worth as much as that of older and more experienced people. I find a large majority of the more intelligent of my acquaintance in favor of the present system.

If taxes could be collected out of all, I would be in favor of keeping up roads in the following manner: First, by levying a poll tax of not less than one dollar or one dollar and fifty cents (because public roads are an advantage to all classes); second, by levying a tax on all vehicles—wagons, buggies, carriages, &c.—(because it is presumed that when a man buys a vehicle he intends to use it, and he ought to be willing to aid in repairing the road in the same proportion that he damages it); third, by working convict labor. The roads ought to be divided into long sections and an overseer and hands employed for each section, just as railroad sections are kept up. There are some who are in favor of keeping up roads by taxation, because they don't pay any tax; but I do not think a majority of the white people of Wake County will ever agree to it until some law is passed by which poll tax can be collected.

E. C. BEDDINGFIELD.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. We do not believe the present mode can be made efficient. It is a failure from the beginning.

B. P. WILLIAMSON,

W. G. UPCHURCH.

## WARREN.

1. The present system of working roads, I think, is very satisfactory to the principal tax-payers. The laborers, some of them, complain I think without just cause.

2. I think the present system good enough if the law is properly enforced.

3. I think the polls should work the roads, as the burthen of county expenses falls principally on the land owners.

4. I think the labor should work the road as the law now stands.

5. I think the present system of working the roads good enough if the law is properly enforced.

I think the present road law a very good one, and my opinion is, if it is changed, it will make it a hardship on the owner of land. At present it is worked by the polls mostly. The property, as things are at present, have to support the poor, which is getting to be a considerable items; and all other expenses of the county fall on them. The most of polls go to the schools. I do not care what change is made, there is a certain class of people always ready to complain.

SAMUEL BOBBITT.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. I think the majority of the people would prefer this method.

4. The public roads of the State worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property meets with favor.

I think I am very well acquainted with the general sentiment of the people of this county (Warren), and that a large majority are in favor of the contract system. The old method has played out and proved to be inefficient.

H. B. HUNTER, SR.

## WASHINGTON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county is good if it were properly carried out according to law.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. We should have a change in appointing road overseers. We should have a road commissioner in every township, whose duty it should be to appoint road overseers to supervise the roads and see that they are kept in proper order. They should be, if possible, men of business capacity, empowered to control the roads and plan for the best way of keeping them in good order. I have consulted some of our enterprising men concerning the roads, and they agree with me. One reason for keeping up the roads by the present system is that we have plenty people



who have no property, but who have teams, and they are most always on the road. If there is a change they will help to tear up the road, but will pay nothing for repairing them, therefore I think those who dance should pay the fiddler, or not dance. I am for all improvements where improvements will benefit, but where they are derogatory to the interests of the public, I am for letting them alone.

JAS. J. WOODLEY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. All swamps should be kept up by tax on property and poll and the road worked as it is.

L. M. PHELPS.

#### WATAUGA.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory. We have better roads than formerly, and the people generally are satisfied.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. The majority of road hands pay but little more tax than a poll, and it would make it burdensome upon a few, who do not use the roads more than the other class.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present road system, when adhered to, I believe to be good and efficient. No State within my knowledge has devised a more satisfactory one to everybody.

There are a few things that occur to me, which might be changed in the road law to advantage. First, a justice of the peace should have authority to issue papers against delinquents and violators of the road law in his own township. Second, the road law needs a good deal of boiling down, some sections seem to be contradictory, in regard to who are liable to work on roads, also the width of roads is not plain. The law should be so short and simple that every overseer in the State could readily comprehend it.

These are my views, and I have had some experience in the road system, though they may widely differ from others.

J. J. REESE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

R.

#### WAYNE.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county does not prove efficient and is not satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present. The public roads should be worked by taxation upon labor and property.

3. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. The public roads should be worked by taxation on property.

4. I think the majority of the people would be to have the public roads worked by taxation.

5. The majority of people is against working the public roads as it stands, they want money for their labor.

RICHARD COLEY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. As to whether the public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, opinion differs.

3. As to whether the public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, opinion differs.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. Hold the overseer to a strict account.

R.

WILKES.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory from the fact that the overseers and other officials have not done their duty.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor, or, at least, let us try it properly and according to *law* for the next two years.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

5. I feel confident that if the overseers and supervisors of our public roads would do their duty, as our present law now requires, we would not only have good roads, but we would have little trouble in keeping them so. Our greatest difficulty in this county has been that after the overseer orders out his hands to work on the road, and they meet, as required, but little work is done.

I would suggest as an amendment to the present law that there be one or two general supervisors appointed for each county, with a salary or pay for his services, whose duty it shall be to travel over all the roads of the county at least twice a year, to look after their condition; also, that it shall be his duty to appoint the overseers, who must be responsible men (which has not been generally the case), and, further, that overseers shall have pay for all *extra* services. For instance: twenty cents per hand for summoning and one dollar per day when on the road, as he is alone held responsible for the condition of the road. I contend that no man should be compelled to take upon himself a responsible office or position whereby he is liable for damages, without remuneration for his responsibility; and that said overseer shall be required to take an oath to work said road as the law requires to the best of his ability, and, under oath, to make reports, as the law requires, to the general supervisor, as to the condition of his road and the number of days *worked* by each hand.



It is frequently the case that hands have not the tools necessary to do good work on the roads, and I would suggest that the county furnish each overseer with the necessary tools to do the work required on his road, and when said tools are not in use on said road, to be in the possession of the overseer, who shall be responsible for the same. I am in favor of good roads, and am willing to help make and keep them so. I think our present road law would be a good one if enforced, and that it is not responsible for the shameful condition our roads are now in. To keep up the roads by taxation upon property would be a very heavy burden upon the tax payers of these mountain counties, and would look like offering a premium for idleness and laziness.

E. S. BLAIR.

WILSON.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. As to whether the public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present, I do not know any better plan, though that is a bad one.

3. As to whether the public roads of the State should be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll, I can't tell whether it would do or not.

5. Enforce the present law on the overseer is one way. It is not often you can indict one, and when you do he gets clear before a court and jury when tried.

C. S. BRASWELL.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. We are opposed to taxation.

4. The public roads of the State should not be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. I think the present method of working the public roads is the best that can be adopted. If the overseers were allowed so much per diem for every day they work, it would make the present system more efficient.

I will remark, the reason I am opposed to taxation is, we have so many worthless men who never pay one cent of tax, and we can manage to get a few days work out of them during the year on the public roads so, if the roads are kept up by taxation, they will not pay one cent of tax for that purpose; neither do they pay any State and county tax, consequently the entire burden of taxation will fall upon the property owner. I think nine-tenths of the property owners of Wilson county concur with me.

A. G. BROOKS,

Chairman Board Co. Com.

YADKIN.

1. I think the present system suits the masses of the people better than any system you can offer them, though the roads are not kept in as good condition as they should be.

2. The public roads of the State worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present would be the most popular with the generality of the people.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll. I think this would be very unsatisfactory to the people.

5. The roads in this county are kept in as good condition as any section I know of. We have pretty fair roads generally, except in winter during long wet seasons when they get very muddy. I do not know of any system of working them that would be any improvement on the present system, without a considerable expense, which if collected from the people in taxes would cause very great dissatisfaction, as we already have about all we can stand in taxes. You could find several persons in this county, who would differ with me upon this subject, but I think nearly all persons who pay much tax, would be very much opposed to any system that would tax them to work roads.

L. W. JONES.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll is the best system to my thinking.

5. If the public roads were worked by taxation upon property direct, it would be for the better. The present system is certainly the most unsatisfactory one that could be devised, and the roads of the county will always remain as they are—bad—until the system is changed. Any system would be better, I think, than our present one. If there is one thing the county needs above anything else, it is good roads. If the convicts of the State could be kept on the main highways grading them, &c., it would be better for the State, but by what system they should be worked, I have not the time now to suggest. But let us have a better system than present one.

P. S. EARLY.

YANCEY.

1. The present system of working the public roads in our county has not proved efficient and satisfactory.

2. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by assessments upon labor as at present.

3. The public roads of the State should not be worked altogether by money taxation upon property and poll.

4. The public roads of the State should be worked by a combination of assessments upon labor and taxation upon property.

5. The present method may be improved by requiring road hands to work eight or ten hours every day they work, and by making the hands and overseers directly responsible to the law, with heavy penalties for failures in duty.

But I do think the better plan would be by assessments and taxation, and allow citizens to pay that tax in labor on the roads under strict overseers.

W. P. WHITTINGTON.



The following extracts from the road laws of other States have been collated, and are given in this chapter. They will doubtless furnish valuable ideas on the subject of public roads, which may be considered in connection with our own law :

## ALABAMA.

In Alabama all male persons over eighteen years old, and under forty-five, are required to work upon public roads, except maimed or disabled persons, who shall procure a certificate of disability from some licensed practicing physician. No person or hand is required to work any public road, every part of which is distant more than six miles from his residence; nor to work more than ten days in any one year, not counting the days engaged in working new roads.

The county commissioners, at their first term in every second year, must divide the county into a convenient number of road precincts, and must at the same time appoint three apportioners for each election precinct, which apportioners shall forthwith proceed to appoint an overseer to each road precinct; such overseer must be between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years, and the apportioners must return a list of overseers appointed by them to the probate judge of their county within thirty days after their appointment, who shall issue commissions as now prescribed by law. Apportioners and overseers hold their offices for two years, and at the expiration of their term are entitled, if such term is served out, to a certificate of exemption from road service for the next two years. Vacancies in the office of apportioners during their term is filled by the probate judge, and vacancies in the office of overseer is filled by the apportioners.

The judge of probate must, within ten days after the appointment of overseers and apportioners, furnish the sheriff with a copy of the order of appointment, and this order must be accompanied with a statement of the overseers to each road, a description of each road, with the names and grades of the road assigned to each overseer, and also must show the names of the apportioners who have charge of the said road. The sheriff must serve this order upon each apportioner and overseer within thirty days after receipt by him.

The duties of apportioners are, to apportion hands to the several roads among the overseers in their precincts, to fix grades of the roads in their jurisdiction, to inspect the same, and to report to the grand jury any dereliction of duty on the part of overseers, and to see that defaulters are prosecuted for not working public roads.

It is the duty of the overseers to call out the hands belonging to them at their discretion, and to work them ten days in the year, if that amount of work is necessary to keep his road in repair, to erect mile posts and sign boards, &c.

No property owned by any defaulter in not working a public road is exempt from execution issued on a judgment founded upon such default.

Public roads may be from fifteen to thirty feet wide, as allowed by the county commissioners.

## ARKANSAS.

All male persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, who have resided in the township in which they are warned to work ten days previous to the time they are warned, shall be subject to work on any public highway within the respective townships in which they may reside. No person shall be compelled to work on public roads more than ten days in any one year, nor more than four days at any one time or in any one month.

If in the opinion of the county courts the public highways in their respective counties cannot be kept in a good condition by the labor of those liable for road duty as the traveling public require, it shall be the duty of said courts at the time of levying the county tax in each year, to levy a road tax on all property made taxable by the laws of this State, not exceeding one mill on the dollar in any one year.

Collectors of State and county taxes shall collect the road tax so levied in the same manner that other taxes are now collected; and if the same be not paid, such property shall be sold in the same manner that property is now sold for the non-payment of taxes.

The collector shall pay into the county treasury the amount of road tax collected by him, taking the treasurer's receipt for the same as so much money paid on account of roads.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep a separate account of all moneys received on account of road tax, and at the proper term of the county court, annually to present his account for all moneys received and disbursed on account of roads for settlement in the same manner as the other county receipts and expenditures now are.

The county courts shall appropriate all moneys collected under this act as road tax to the repair and opening of roads in the several road districts in the county where the same may have been collected; and to order and direct the overseers of each road district wherein the opening and repairing of roads is to be done to make the contract for such opening and repairing in such manner as said court may direct, and superintend and direct the same, and when the same is done to make report thereof under oath and in writing to said court, and when it appears that said contract has been faithfully performed, said court shall direct the clerk thereof to draw a warrant in favor of the party with whom such contract was made on the county treasurer for the amount due on the contract, wherein the treasurer shall be directed to pay said amount out of the road fund in his hands.

## CALIFORNIA.

The road law of this State provides: "The board of supervisors of each county may annually levy upon each male person over twenty-one and under fifty-five years of age found in each road district an annual poll tax not exceeding three dollars: *Provided*, that the board of supervisors may by ordinance provide that any person may work out his road poll tax under such commutation rules as may be established by said board of supervisors, and such work to be done under the direction of the road overseer." The board shall fix the time during which such persons shall perform the labor. The full amount of the tax (three dollars) is always levied. It is collected in the same manner as poll tax.



## COLORADO.

All public highways shall be sixty feet wide, unless otherwise ordered by the county commissioners.

The board of county commissioners shall divide their counties into suitable road districts as in their judgment shall seem best. In each district so formed there shall be elected annually, in the same manner as other district officers, a road overseer of such district who shall hold his office for one year, or until his successor is qualified, who shall file with the county clerk a sufficient bond approved by the board of county commissioners for the faithful performance of his duties as such overseer, and to secure payment of any money that he may receive under the provisions of this act.

The board of county commissioners of the respective counties of the State may levy a property tax for road purposes, which shall not be less than one dollar on the one thousand dollars, to be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as other property taxes are levied and collected in each year. The commissioners shall apportion the fund so collected among the several road districts of their respective counties, and the same shall be paid out only on the order of the board of county commissioners; but all property included within the limits of incorporated towns and cities shall not be subject to such tax.

Every able-bodied man between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years shall annually pay to the overseer of roads of the district wherein he resides a road tax of three dollars, or in lieu of such sum shall labor two days upon the public roads whenever notified by the overseer; but this provision shall not apply to residents of incorporated cities and towns.

The road overseers shall keep the county roads and highways of their respective districts in repair and in good condition for travel. The road overseer shall notify all persons in his district subject to road tax between the first day of April and the first day of September in each year to appear at such time and place, and with such tools as he may designate.

Any person subject to road tax and refusing or neglecting to pay the same and failing to perform the work in lieu thereof for a period of ten days after being notified according to the provisions of the preceeding section, shall be considered delinquent, and the overseer shall proceed to levy upon and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash any property of said delinquent, or so much as may be necessary to satisfy said delinquency and costs, upon giving ten days' posted notice in three places in his district.

Where any road tax is unpaid, the road overseer of the district whenever the same is payable may serve on any debtor of the person owing the same, a written notice that such road tax has been demanded and is unpaid, and requiring such debtor of the said delinquent to pay such overseer the amount which he owes said delinquent, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to discharge the said tax with fifty cents additional for costs of such notice; and every such notice may require such debtor to appear before some justice of the peace of the county, at a day and hour named, to answer said overseer as a garnishee of such delinquent tax payer, and the service of such notice shall have the same effect as the service of a garnishee process, and upon the service thereof the person upon whom the same is served shall be authorized to pay to the road overseer the

amount of the tax assessed against said delinquent, together with fifty cents in addition thereto, and such payment shall to the extent thereof bar any further liability therefor to such delinquent tax payer. If any such debtor upon whom notice is made shall fail to pay the overseer serving the same the amount of such tax, or such amount as he shall owe the delinquent, with the fee of fifty cents for serving such notice he shall be liable for all costs thereof accruing in said proceeding of garnishment.

If any person required by this act to pay as road tax shall neglect to make such payment, or perform the labor in lieu thereof, and the road overseer is unable or neglects to collect the same prior to the first day of November in any year, it shall be the duty of the overseer of roads to report such delinquency to the county treasurer of the county, who is hereby authorized and required to collect the amount of such delinquency from the delinquent as other taxes are collected, and to pay the same over to the overseer of roads of the road district in which the same are due and payable.

The road overseers shall report to the county commissioners at their regular meeting in October in each year a list of all persons in his district subject to the road tax; the names of all persons who have performed the work in lieu thereof; the amount of money collected and paid out by him; from whom received; to whom and for what it was paid; the number of days he has been in actual service as road overseer; and the list of delinquents.

Each road overseer shall receive as compensation for his services a sum to be fixed by the board of county commissioners not exceeding five dollars per day, to be paid out of the road fund in the county treasury belonging to the respective districts.

#### GEORGIA.

There shall be three commissioners for each road district, any two of whom may act, and in case there is only one in a district, that one is invested with all the powers of the three until the vacancies are filled. Such commissioners are appointed or re-appointed by the ordinary biennially, and whenever necessary, to fill vacancies at any time.

Those thus appointed are compelled to serve, unless excused by such ordinary, who shall receive for such excuse providential cause only. A commissioner may resign after two consecutive years' service. As soon as appointed, they shall be notified thereof in writing within ten days by the ordinary, and if such appointees do not, within ten days after such notice, file their excuse in writing, under oath in such ordinary's office, they shall be considered as having accepted. Such commissioners, while in office, are exempt from all jury, patrol, militia and other road duty.

It is their duty to appoint, within fifteen days, one or more persons in their respective districts as overseers of the road, and to apportion the roads and hands under their charge at the same time, as equally and fairly as possible, and to furnish the several overseers with a list of the roads and hands under their respective charge.

To exercise a general supervision over their respective districts and the overseers therein and fine them for neglect of duty, and to see that all persons who fail to work the road upon which they are summoned are indicted for such failure.



Any commissioner of roads failing to do his duty as required by law is liable to presentment before the grand jury of the county, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

Public roads are required to be at least thirty feet wide, cleared of all trees, stumps, grubs and bushes and of such limb of trees as may incommode horsemen, or carriages; stumps shall be cut as near the surface as possible.

Ordinaries of the several counties with the concurrence of a majority of the road commissioners may designate such roads as they may deem proper, as second class roads, and such roads shall be at least twenty feet wide, and in all other respects subject to all the conditions of a first-class road.

All male inhabitants, white and colored, between the ages of sixteen and fifty, are subject to work on the public roads, except ordained ministers of the gospel, who are in the regular discharge of their ministerial duty, and in charge of one or more churches, and all men who have lost one arm or one leg and employees of the asylums, &c.

Road hands are required to work not more than fifteen days in any one year, and not more than five days consecutively unless sudden emergencies require the immediate repairing of the roads, causeways or bridges within their respective district. Overseers are required to give at least one day's notice before the time of working roads, and shall superintend the working on the roads assigned them by the commissioners, cause the same to be worked and repaired in the best possible manner, and make a return thereof to the commissioners, in writing within five days after each time of working, and report all hands who may be in default upon the several roads, and upon failure to report any defaulter shall be fined five dollars for each defaulter he so fails to report.

Every individual liable to road duty, who, being duly summoned to work, shall neglect to obey such summons, and to carry such implement as ordered, or appearing with or without such implement, neglects or refuses faithfully to work, shall be fined not less than one nor more than three dollars for every day he fails to so work, or be imprisoned at the discretion of the commissioners.

If any other instrument than ordinary farming tools are necessary to keep the road in repair, the overseer may receive them in exchange for labor of hands or may apply to the ordinary who may authorize him to contract for the same and pay for them out of the county treasury.

The county commissioners of roads and overseers, ordinaries, or county judges of the several counties in the State are authorized and required to provide for the grading of the public roads of their respective counties where said roads are too steep, too rough or too boggy for practical use, or the hauling of ordinary loads, by use of the county chain-gang, or by letting the same out by contract to the lowest bidder, or otherwise as they may deem best, and pay for the same out of the county treasury out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

When any road bridge or causeway shall become suddenly impassable, it is the duty of the overseer of said road to call out as many hands as may be necessary to immediately repair the same, giving one day's notice to hands, and each hand thus called upon for special work, shall be credited with the same against the regular work that he may be liable for upon said road.

## ILLINOIS.

The highways of Illinois are worked by townships, under the direction of three commissioners in each township, elected yearly at township meeting. They are required to do the work according to the best known methods of road-making, by proper grading and thorough drainage, by tile or otherwise, or by the application of gravel, rock or other material. They may employ a general superintendent outside of their own number, or they may divide the work, let contracts, appoint overseers, employ laborers, or such other agencies as they may deem best; but they shall not let any contract or purchase any machinery, tools or materials except as ordered by the township board.

All public roads are required to be sixty feet wide, except when only two miles or less in length, when they may be not less than forty feet wide. In grading roads it shall be done so as to leave not less than one-tenth of the width of the road on each side for a side-walk, and the space between shall be made a regular oval grade, so that the entire space can be used for traveling purposes; and it shall be unlawful to drive on the side-walk, and any person so offending shall be fined one dollar for each offence.

The commissioners of each township shall meet on the second Tuesday after they are elected, and shall organize a board by electing one of their number president, and the township clerk shall be *ex-officio* clerk and treasurer of said board, shall keep a record of the official acts of said board, and, as treasurer, shall have charge of all moneys raised for road purposes, and shall pay them out under the direction of the commissioners, and shall give bond and receive such compensation as shall be allowed by said commissioners.

At the first meeting of said commissioners they shall make out a list of able-bodied men in their town between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years, and deliver the same to their treasurer on or before the first Monday in May in each year, and assess against each person on said list a sum not less than one, nor more than two dollars, as a poll tax, for highway purposes, to be paid to such treasurer by the first Monday in June, but this list shall not include persons in incorporated towns and those exempt from road duty. Those on the said list shall be notified of the time and place when such tax must be paid, and if the tax is not paid by the first Monday in June it shall be the duty of the commissioners to bring suit for the same before some magistrate of the township, and no property shall be exempt from execution in such case. At a meeting of the road commissioners immediately before the annual meeting of the county commissioners, they shall determine what per cent. of tax shall be levied on the property of the township for road purposes, which shall not exceed sixty cents on each one hundred dollars. The said commissioners at their said meeting shall make a certificate of the said rate of taxation, and the same shall be delivered to the township clerk, who shall keep the same on file in his office, and certify the said rate to the county clerk, to be incorporated on the tax list of the said township, to be collected as other taxes.

Whenever the road commissioners make a contract for road purposes which exceed fifty dollars they shall give ten days' notice of the time and place of letting said contract, by notices in at least ten public places in the township.

Commissioners, when they deem it advisable, may put up and maintain at the



end of a bridge, "Five dollars fine for driving faster than a walk on this bridge," and if any person shall drive faster than a walk on said bridge he shall be fined five dollars for said offence.

Commissioners shall receive as compensation for their services while engaged in road work, upon a sworn statement of the amount of work done, one dollar and fifty cents for each day so employed.

#### LABOR SYSTEM.

Whenever a petition, signed by twenty-five of the legal voters of a township, shall be filed with the township clerk, asking to have the proposition to pay the property tax of the township in labor submitted to the voters of said township, for any year, it shall be the duty of the said clerk to fix a time when said question may be voted upon by the voters of said township, and if the said voters shall vote by a majority to pay said tax in labor, the same shall be done. Every able-bodied male inhabitant above the age of twenty-one years, and under the age of fifty, shall thereupon be subject to the road duty (except those exempt by law) not less than one nor more than three days in each year. The commissioners of highways in each township shall annually ascertain how much money must be raised for road purposes on real and personal property in their township and assess the same, which shall not exceed forty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, but the tax collected in incorporated cities and towns shall be paid over to the city or town authorities, to be expended by them as they may deem proper. The said commissioners shall affix to the name of each tax-payer in their township the number of days assessed against such tax-payer for highway labor, and they shall make a list for each district of said tax-payers, and the amount of labor to be paid by each, which shall be filed in the township clerk's office. The commissioners of the township shall direct the clerk of the township to make a copy of each list, who shall cause the several copies to be delivered to the respective overseers of the several highways of the township. The township clerk shall, within ten days after the commissioners of highways have filed in his office the amount of road tax assessed on real and personal property of the township, post a notice on the outer door of the house where the town meeting was last held, and two other public places in said township, stating the amount of the road tax assessed on each one hundred dollars worth of property, and that persons interested can pay the same in labor on the highways, under the direction of the overseer of highways in the district where the property is situated.

The commissioners of highways shall appoint as many overseers of highways as there are road districts in the township, who shall hold office for one year. It shall be the duty of overseers to repair and keep in order the highways in their districts; to warn persons from whom labor is due of the times and places where and when the same may be performed. The overseers may contract with persons owing poll tax to perform a certain amount of work in satisfaction of the same, and when the work is done the overseer shall give such person a receipt for such labor performed. They shall collect all fines and commutation work, execute all lawful orders of the commissioners of highways, and deliver to the clerk of the township, within ten days after their appointment, a list, subscribed by such overseers, of the names of all inhabitants in their road districts who are liable to work

on highways. Persons owing highway labor may pay money or furnish a substitute for the same.

The acceptance of an excuse for failure to work the roads, by an overseer shall not in any case exempt the person excused from commuting for or working the whole number of days for which he shall have been assessed.

Every overseer of highways shall render yearly, under oath, to one of the commissioners of highways of the township, an account in writing, containing the names of all persons assessed to work on highways in his district, the names of those who have actually worked, and the number of days they have worked; the names of those who have been fined and the amount; the names of those who have commuted; the manner of spending the money received from commutations and fines, and the amount of uncollected tax, and the amount of money in hand by virtue of his office, which he shall pay over to his successor. Each overseer shall be entitled to one dollar and twenty-five cents per day for his services.

#### HARD ROADS.

Upon the petition of fifty land-owners who are legal voters of any township, to the township clerk, he shall, when giving notice of the time and place of the next annual township meeting, give notice that a vote will be taken at said election for or against levying a tax not to exceed one dollar on each one hundred dollars assessed valuation of all taxable property in the township, for the purpose of making gravel, rock, macadamize or other hard roads. Said petition shall state the route of said road or roads, not exceeding two, and the rate per cent., not exceeding one dollar on one hundred dollars worth of property, and the number of years, not exceeding five, for which said tax shall be levied. If the majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be in favor of said special tax, then it shall be the duty of the commissioners of highways of the township to levy the same, and certify the same to the township clerk, who shall certify the amount voted to the county clerk, who shall cause the same to be extended on to the tax books for the current year.

#### INDIANA.

The road law in the State of Indiana as to construction and repairs is as follows:

At the township election on the first Monday in April of every alternate year, there shall be elected a superintendent of roads in each township throughout the State, who shall hold his office for two years and until his successor is duly elected and qualified, whose duty it shall be to take charge of and superintend the construction and repairs of all roads within his respective township, and cause the same to be kept in as good repair as the prudent use of the means in his hands will permit. He shall execute all orders of the board of commissioners of his county for opening, changing, locating, vacating any road or highway in his township. He shall have control of all funds of the township for road, highway or bridge purposes. He shall see that all the roads, highways and bridges are of the width required by law. He shall give bond for double the probable amount of funds that will come into his hands, (such bond to be approved by the board of county commissioners), and take an oath when first assuming the duties of his office.

The township superintendent shall each year appoint one road-master, or over-



seer, in his township, and may appoint as many others as he may deem necessary for the judicious performance of the work and expenditure of the road funds within the time provided by law; and such road-master shall take an oath for the faithful performance of his duties, and give bond with security, to be approved by such superintendent, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties in a sum not less than two hundred dollars, which bond shall be deposited with the township superintendent.

It is the duty of such road-masters, under the direction of the superintendent, to employ laborers, mechanics, and teams at specified wages, such as is usual in the township for such class of work. For payment of his hands, he shall give an order on the township superintendent, which order, with the endorsement of the person to whom issued shall be a sufficient voucher for the said superintendent in his annual settlement with the board of county commissioners.

The road-master shall receive for his services such sum as may be agreed upon not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents per day for each day employed, counting ten hours for a day's work. He is under the immediate direction of the superintendent, and may be removed by him at any time for good cause.

The superintendent is required to make a full and complete settlement with the county commissioners annually, showing amount of money received and from what source received, amount of disbursements and produce receipts and vouchers for all disbursements, to the satisfaction of the board.

The board of county commissioners shall allow superintendents two dollars per day for each day employed as superintendent of highways, as shown by his sworn account for the same, and at the expiration of his term of office shall make out a complete schedule of the property belonging to his office and appertaining to his office and turn the same over to his successor, which schedule shall also be recorded in the records of the township.

The township trustee shall with the concurrence of the board of county commissioners of his county, in the month of June in each year assess a poll tax for highway purposes to be known as commutation road tax, of two dollars upon every able-bodied man resident of the township, who is over the age of twenty-one and under fifty years, except idiots, insane, deaf and blind persons, and such others as may be physically unable to work, and shall also levy a road tax of not exceeding twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars valuation of the real and personal property in his township liable to pay State taxes. The trustee shall report the same to the county auditor who shall enter the same on the proper tax duplicate in a separate column; and the county treasurer shall collect the same as other taxes are collected, and turn the same over to the superintendent of roads upon warrant of the county auditor.

The township superintendent shall, in the months of April, May and June of each year, first put all the highways of his township in good ordinary repair, and, then, with such other means as may be in his hands, proceed to do work denominated "extraordinary" upon some portions of the highways of his township which are mostly traveled, and, by judicious ditching, draining, grading, building culverts, bridges, &c., and by such other means as may seem to him practical, to construct a road with a smooth surface, of not less than eighteen feet wide, and when the material can be conveniently had may cover seven feet of the width with sand gravel or any other substance as will make a hard road, and shall ex-

pend all the available means in his hands on such work by the fifteenth day of November of each year.

In determining upon the amount and character of such extraordinary work which shall be first done on any highway or part thereof, the superintendent shall take into consideration its importance to the traveling public and its convenience to stone, gravel or other materials to be used in its construction. And whenever citizens of any highway or any part thereof of public importance shall agree to donate work and material for properly ditching, draining, grading and improving such highway, the superintendent shall contribute and perform work thereon equal to that furnished by such citizens whenever the means in his hands will permit.

The township superintendent may let out by contract any portion of the extraordinary work to be done where the probable cost shall exceed twenty-five dollars.

Persons liable for road poll tax or property tax may work out such portions of same as the superintendent may be able to use in work, provided, that the person owing tax shall apply to the superintendent to do such work, and will do the same at such time and place as the superintendent may direct.

The superintendent shall, as nearly as possible, distribute the work on roads equally in all parts of his township. All complaints of the citizens of his township, as to failure of superintendent to discharge his duty shall be made to the board of county commissioners, from whose decision there shall be no appeal.

#### IOWA.

The road law of Iowa requires that the public roads shall be worked by townships, and in each township there shall be a board of trustees, which corresponds to our board of supervisors of roads, a township clerk, and supervisors of roads, whose duties are similar to the overseers of roads in this State.

The trustees meet on the first Monday in April and October. At the April meeting they determine the amount of tax on property, real and personal, which is to be levied that year for keeping in order the highways, bridges, sign boards, tools, &c., which shall not be less than one nor more than five mills on the dollar on the amount of township assessment for that year; they also determine how much of the property tax may be paid in labor, and how much shall be allowed for a day's work done by a man, and by a man and team. In addition to the property tax, all able-bodied male residents of a township between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five, are required to perform two days' labor upon the highways between the first day of April and September in each year as a poll tax, and those subject to this poll tax are required to furnish such tools, implements and teams as the supervisor may designate, and for such two days' work performed, the supervisor shall give to the person performing the work a certificate that he has performed the work required as a poll tax, and the same shall exempt said person from performing two days' work in that or any other township for that year upon the public highways as a poll tax. The supervisor shall give any person who may perform labor in payment of his highway tax, a receipt showing the amount of money earned by such labor, which shall be received as payment of said tax to the amount specified in the receipt. The supervisor shall receive such compensation as the township trustees shall determine, and he shall perform the



same amount of labor which is required as a poll tax, which shall be deducted from his compensation. The supervisor is required to report to the township clerk on the first Mondays in April and October the names of all persons in his township required to perform labor on the public highways, and the amount performed by each, the names of those against whom suits have been brought by him for non-payment of tax, the number of days he has been faithfully employed in the discharge of his duty, the condition of the highways in his district, and such other items and suggestions as said supervisor may wish to make, which report shall be signed and sworn to by said supervisor and filed by the township clerk; when it appears from said report that any person has failed to perform the two days' labor required, or any part thereof, and that said supervisor has not collected the amount which should be collected in case of such failure, the said clerk shall certify the same to the county treasurer, and the said amount shall be entered on the proper tax list to be collected as a tax against the property of the delinquent. Whenever extraordinary damage is caused to a road or bridge, the supervisor of the district may call out any or all of the able-bodied men of said district, but not more than two days at any one time without their consent, and the persons so called out shall be entitled to receive a certificate from said supervisor certifying the number of days' labor performed, which certificate shall be received in payment for highway tax for that or any succeeding year, at the rate established in that year, which shall be stated in the certificate.

When any able-bodied man duly summoned to work upon the public roads fails to appear and work as required, or to send some satisfactory excuse, or to pay the value of the same in money, he shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars, to be recovered by suit before any justice of the peace in the name of said supervisor, which shall be applied to the highway fund in the district from which collected. The supervisors are required to meet the township trustees at their meeting in October in each year, at which time there shall be a full settlement of all highway work done in the township for that year. Should there be no money to the credit of the township on the final settlement of the supervisors with the trustees, said trustees shall order the township clerk to issue orders for the amounts due. The orders so issued shall be numbered and received as money in the payment of the highway tax in the district for which issued.

The township trustees at their meeting in October shall divide their townships into such number of districts as they may deem necessary and convenient, and set apart the portion of money which shall be expended in each district, and also the number of hands which are apportioned to each district by reason of poll tax.

The township clerk is required to furnish to the supervisors, to be by them transferred to their successors in office, a map of the public roads he is required to superintend. The township clerk is paid such compensation as is determined by the township trustees. The township clerk is also required to give bond, conditioned as the bonds of county officers, to preserve and keep in repair the tools and machinery of the township. He shall allow the supervisors to have them for use upon the public roads.

All highways established are required to be sixty-six feet wide, unless otherwise directed, but the township trustees may fix a different width, not less than forty feet.

## MAINE.

The taxes for highway purposes in Maine are raised altogether by a money tax, as other taxes, which is allowed to be discharged by work upon the public roads at a rate of compensation fixed by the township authorities. A list is given to each supervisor on or before the 10th day of May in each year, with the amount of tax assessed against each person in the district assigned to said supervisor; and he shall give written notice to each person on his list of the amount of his tax, and the times and places where the said amount may be worked out, and the kind of work to be done by him, and the rate of compensation therefor. The tax may also be paid to the supervisor in money, who shall expend it faithfully in repairing the highways. These supervisors are required to make a report of those who have not paid their road taxes in each year, and the amount shall be assessed against them for the next year.

## MICHIGAN.

The roads in this State are opened, improved and maintained by the labor of the inhabitants residing in, and by assessments upon the property situated within the several townships. The roads are under the immediate care of a commissioner of highways for each township, and each particular road or part of road is in charge of an overseer, who is elected by the people. Every male inhabitant, except those exempt by law, above the age of twenty-one and under fifty years, shall be liable for one day's work upon the highways each year on account of his poll. And in addition, the commissioner of highways of each township shall render to the township board of trustees, at the annual meeting in each year, an account, in writing, stating the amount of labor and money expended upon the roads the past year; the improvements made, and present condition of roads; and an estimate of the amount of highway tax which, in his judgment, should be assessed upon the taxable property of the township for the next ensuing year. Said tax shall not exceed one-half day's labor, nor be less than one-tenth day's labor upon each one hundred dollars' valuation of taxable property of the township for the current year. He shall also render an estimate of the improvements necessary to be made in the highways and bridges during the year, and the amount of money tax that should be levied for that purpose beyond what the estimated highway labor will accomplish, not exceeding fifty cents upon each one hundred dollars of valuation, according to the assessment roll for the last preceding year. In townships where the aggregate tax valuation is less than fifty thousand dollars, this money levy shall not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars. This estimate is submitted to the voters of the township at the annual election for overseers of highways, and the voters shall vote upon and determine the rate of labor assessment and the money assessment; but if the electors neglect or refuse to vote any levy of highway labor and money tax, then the township board may levy such amount of labor and money tax as they may deem necessary for the improvement of bridges and roads, not to exceed the amount specified above. The road tax is assessed upon all real and personal property in the township of residents and non-residents, and is collected at the same time and in the same manner as taxes for general purposes. The money so collected is paid to the treasurer of the township and by him paid out upon warrant of the township board and clerk.



Every overseer of roads shall cause the highway labor assessed within his district against persons residing in this township, or represented therein by an agent, to be collected, either by labor or commutation, before the first day of August in each year. But the overseer may, in his discretion, reserve not exceeding one-eighth of the amount, to be applied to repairs of the roads at a later period.

It shall be the duty of the overseers to give at least twenty-four hours' notice to all persons assessed to work on the highways in his district, and residing in his township, of the time and place where they are to appear for the purpose of working said roads, and what implement they shall bring. He shall also notify the owner or agent of any non-resident lands within his district, of the number of days assessed upon such lands, and of the time and place where the labor is to be performed, which notice shall be given at least five days previous to the time appointed.

Every person liable to work on the highways, shall work the whole number of days that he shall have been assessed, unless he shall elect to commute the same or some part thereof, at the rate of one dollar per day for each day assessed, which shall be paid to the overseer at the time and place where he is required to appear for work. All money so paid to the overseer shall be expended by him in the purchase of implements, or in constructing or repairing roads and bridges in his district. No overseer shall be allowed to commute for any portion of the time for which *he* is assessed, unless his tax shall exceed the number of days necessary for the faithful and efficient supervision by him of the highway work within his district, in which case he may commute for the excess.

Every person who has been assessed to work on the highways, who has been duly notified, who shall not commute, and who shall refuse or neglect, without good cause, to appear in obedience to such notice, shall, for every day's refusal or negligence, pay the sum of one dollar; and if such person was required to furnish team or implements, he shall pay three dollars and fifty cents for each day, to be recovered by suit by the overseer before any justice of the peace.

Every person assessed to work on the highways may work in person or by substitute, and the person working shall actually work eight hours per day.

The qualified electors of any township may, by a majority vote of those voting, determine that the highway tax shall be assessed entirely on a money basis, and paid in money instead of work, as provided above.

#### MISSOURI.

The public highways of Missouri are opened and maintained in part of the State by the county and the other part by township organizations, but in either case under the supervision of the county courts, to which all petitions for new roads change of roads, &c., have to be made.

That law requires that all public roads shall be not less than thirty nor more than sixty feet wide to be determined by the county courts from time to time, according to the utility and necessity of such road.

The roads are required to be cleared of trees and limbs of trees which may incommode horsemen and carriages, and all stumps in any public road shall be grubbed or cut below the surface of the ground and wet ground and small water-

courses shall be causewayed or bridged in such manner as to enable horsemen and carriages to pass safely over the same.

In each county there shall be a county surveyor, who shall be *ex-officio* road commissioner, and shall receive such compensation for his services as may be prescribed by the county court, not exceeding three dollars for each day that he may be actually employed, and such allowance for his actual expenses while traveling on business for the county, as the court may deem just and proper, and fifty cents for every plot he may make. And he shall not receive compensation as county surveyor for the time he is actually employed as commissioner of roads and bridges. Said commissioner shall be paid out of the county treasury.

The several county courts are required to divide the counties into road districts, and at the February term of the court in each year appoint an overseer in each district, who shall be a resident tax-payer of the district. It shall be the duty of the road-overseer to keep the roads in his district in good condition according to the provisions of law, and the county court at said February term of the court shall designate by order the number of days each person liable to work on public roads shall work, which shall not be less than one nor more than four days in each year, except in opening new roads. In cases of opening new roads, the overseer shall have power to call out all the hands in the district subject to pay road tax, and work the same in proportion to the amount of road tax they are required to pay in the district.

The clerk of the court shall within ten days after the appointments have been made, certify to the sheriff the names of the persons appointed to serve as overseers, and the sheriff shall serve the order of appointment in like manner as ordinary summons are served, and shall make return thereof to the clerk, who shall file the same among the papers of the office.

Any person having served as overseer for the term of twelve months, shall not be compelled to serve as overseer again within two years thereafter.

All able-bodied male inhabitants, between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years, having resided in the district one month, shall be subject to work on the public roads, but no person shall be required to work on more than one road division in any one year, except in opening new roads. Persons subject to work on the public roads shall have right at their option to pay the same in work or money upon their proper road divisions, at such rate as the county court may fix not exceeding one dollar per day per hand, and not exceeding two dollars per day for team and driver.

The overseers of the several road districts shall notify each resident poll tax-payer in their respective districts when he warns him out to work, of the amount of road work done, and give the said poll tax-payer an opportunity to pay the same in money or labor. And any overseer failing to notify any resident of the district who is liable to work the roads, when and where he may pay the same in labor or money shall be liable on his bond for the amount of money due.

The county courts of the several counties shall, at the May term thereof, in each year, levy upon real and personal property made taxable by law, a tax of not less than five nor more than twenty cents on the hundred dollars, which levy shall be collected as other State and county taxes, and the amount of money collected as road tax shall be paid by the collector into the county treasury as other revenue, and the county treasurer shall place the same to the credit of the road district



from which said taxes were collected, and shall pay the same to the overseer of said district on the warrant of the county court, and the amount, when so received, shall be used and expended by the overseer in purchasing the necessary tools with which to work the roads in his district, and for purchasing the necessary materials for building bridges, culverts, &c. Overseers of roads shall give bond in such sum as the court may require to be filed with the clerk of the court.

Any overseer wilfully failing or neglecting to keep the road in repair or fail to do his duty in all respects, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace.

In addition to the system of working the public roads set forth above, any township where the majority of the voters therein shall so determine at an election to be held for the purpose, a special township road tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes, and shall be used in the maintenance of the public roads.

#### MINNESOTA.

The road law of this State is as follows:

Every male inhabitant being above the age of twenty-one years and under the age of fifty, excepting paupers, idiots, lunatics and such others as are exempt by law, shall be assessed not less than one day nor more than four days in each year. Supervisors shall assess a road tax on all real estate and personal property liable to taxation of the township to any amount they may deem necessary, not exceeding one dollar on each one hundred dollars of value, as valued on the assessment roll of the preceding year. They shall affix the name of each person named in the list so furnished by the overseer, the number of days assessed to each person, for highway labor, and also a description of each tract of land and the name of the owner, if known, with the valuation thereof, as taken from the assessment roll of the previous year, and the amount of road tax assessed thereon in a separate column, the list so prepared shall be signed by the supervisor and deposited with the town clerk, to be filed in his office.

Each township is divided into road districts at the annual township meeting, and an overseer elected to superintend the working out of the tax or labor. The tax can all be worked out in labor or paid in money. Tax assessed on the real estate and personal property, if not paid or worked, is returned delinquent, and becomes a lien on the real estate, and when collected belongs to the road fund in the proper district.

These road districts are small enough, so the overseer can expend the money or labor quickly and judiciously.

About two-thirds of the tax and labor is expended in June, when it is dry, and the balance when the roads need repairing, or in the fall.

Our roads are laid out and opened by the township boards upon petition of freeholders. After petition is filed, notice is given of hearing petitioners' reasons for and against. If petition is granted, the township board makes an order opening, laying out or altering, as the case may be. These orders are carried out by the overseers in the district or districts through which the road passes.

## OHIO.

The roads in this State are divided into three classes—State, county and township roads. A State road is a road running into or through one or more counties; is established upon petition of citizens, free-holders, living along proposed route; width not more than sixty feet, nor less than forty.

County roads shall be not less than thirty feet, nor more than sixty. Expense of laying out county and State roads to be paid out of county treasury as other county expenses.

Township roads are required to be at least sixteen feet wide, the width to be determined by viewers provided for the purpose. A township road is the road from one county road to another, or to a State road, or from any mill, church or residence to any public or county road, established upon petition of any citizen, if, after examination by trustees of township, it is approved as a township road. Township roads are under the direction of a supervisor of roads for the township, who has direction of the labor to be performed upon the roads of his district. Every able-bodied male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and fifty-five are required to do road work—(except members of the State Guard)—two days in each year, or pay in lieu thereof three dollars annually. Said money to be collected by the supervisor and applied by him to the improvement of the road.

The township trustees may levy an additional tax for road purposes, if they deem necessary, not to exceed three mills on the dollar, except by majority vote of the electors of the township, in which case the tax may be increased to an amount deemed necessary for the purposes of establishing or bettering any road. This tax may be discharged by performing labor on the road, in the discretion of the supervisor.

At any time during the year, in case any public highway is damaged or obstructed by storm or otherwise, the supervisor may call upon and require additional labor from those liable to work or pay tax on said road; and in case they have worked already two days in said year and discharged their road tax, they shall be credited with such additional work upon the labor or tax of the next succeeding year.

## WISCONSIN.

The supervisors of the several townships in the State have the care and supervision of the highways and bridges thereon, and shall give directions for repairing the same, removing obstructions, &c., and to cause all roads used as public highways to be recorded in the township clerk's office. They shall divide their respective townships into so many road districts as they shall judge convenient, and specify every such division in writing, under their hands and seal, to be recorded in the office of the township clerk, and shall assign to each of said road districts such of the inhabitants liable to pay taxes on highways as they may think proper, having regard to the nearness of residence as much as practicable.

The supervisors of each township shall assess the highway taxes in their respective townships in each year as provided by law, and to see that the overseers of roads perform their duty.

The overseers of roads in each district are elected at the annual township meeting, but in case of failure to elect an overseer of highways in any road district,



or if any person chosen to that office shall refuse to serve, or if his office shall become vacant, the township supervisors shall, by warrant under their hands, appoint some other person, who shall have the same powers, perform the same duties and be liable to the same penalties as overseers chosen at a township meeting.

Overseers shall give bond if supervisors so require, conditioned upon the proper performance of his duties as overseer and the proper application of all money that may come into his hands by virtue of said office, as provided by law.

It is the duty of overseers of highways to repair and keep in order the highways within the several districts for which they shall have been elected, or appointed. To notify all persons assessed to pay highway taxes, of the time when and place where labor will be received in payment for such taxes. To collect all highway taxes as required by law, and to execute all lawful orders of the supervisors, and they may be fined or removed from office by the township supervisors for neglect or failure to perform their duties according to law, and some other person shall be by them appointed to fill the vacancy caused by such removal, and the supervisors shall forthwith prosecute any overseer in their township for the recovery of any fine, if not paid within ten days after such fine is imposed.

Any overseer of highways may provide such tools and implements that may be needed in working the public roads, such as plows, scraper, &c., and pay for same out of highway taxes by him collected.

The overseer is required within fifteen days after his election or appointment to deliver to the township clerk a full list of all inhabitants in his road district who are liable to pay highway tax, and the clerk shall deliver said list to the supervisors, who shall on or before the second Monday in May meet and assess the highway tax in their respective township for the ensuing year, and for that purpose they shall make out separate lists for each road district in such township, which list shall contain a statement of the names of all persons liable to pay a highway poll tax in such district.

The names of each person assessed for personal property, and the total amount of each such assessment set opposite thereto.

A description of all lots or parcels of land assessed with valuation of each.

In making and maintaining and repairing the public roads of the State, every male inhabitant over twenty-one years and under fifty, excepting disabled soldiers, paupers, idiots and lunatics, shall be assessed to pay a poll tax of one dollar and fifty cents. And the residue of highway taxes, to an amount of not less than one nor more than seven mills on the dollar, shall be assessed on the valuation of real and personal property in each district, to be collected by the overseer of the district.

Whenever the amount of highway taxes herein allowed to be levied, shall prove inefficient for keeping the roads of any district in repair, the overseer shall, upon an application in writing signed by two-thirds of the inhabitants liable to pay highway taxes in such district, make another assessment on the taxable property of the district not exceeding the rate of seven mills to the dollar on the valuation of the same, as fixed by the supervisors in the tax list for such district, and the taxes so assessed by an overseer shall be collected and expended in like manner as high-

way taxes assessed by the supervisors are required to be collected and expended.

Taxes thus assessed and collected shall be paid over to the township treasurer (or county treasurer) and by him paid out for road work in the district from which it is collected, upon order of the overseer, signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors of the township.

Overseers of highways shall cause at least two-thirds of the amount of highway taxes in his district to be collected and expended on road work as the law requires before the first day of July in each year, and the residue by such time as the supervisors may direct.

Every overseer of highways shall give at least three days' notice to each person assessed.

## SYNOPSIS OF THE GENERAL ROAD LAW OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SECTION 2014. All roads and ferries that have been laid out or appointed by virtue of any act of assembly, or any order of court, are public roads and ferries; and the justices of the peace in each township shall have the supervision and control of the public roads in their respective townships. They shall constitute the "Board of Supervisors of Public Roads" of such township, and under that name, for the purposes aforesaid, they are incorporated the "Board of Supervisors of Public Roads," and the board of county commissioners, as hereafter in this chapter set forth, shall have full power and authority within their respective counties to appoint and settle ferries; to order the laying out of public roads where necessary; to appoint where bridges shall be made; to discontinue such roads and ferries as shall be found useless; and to alter roads so as to make them more useful.

SEC. 2015. The said board of supervisors shall meet at some place in their respective townships to be agreed upon by themselves, or in the absence of such agreement, to be named by their chairman, on the first Saturday of February and August, for the purpose of consulting on the subject of the condition of the roads in their township. They shall once in each year, during the week of their meeting in August, go over and personally examine all the roads in their township. They shall annually at their meeting in February elect some one of their number chairman: *Provided*, that no supervisor shall receive any compensation for his services as supervisor of public roads.

SEC. 2016. The said board of supervisors shall annually at the meeting in August divide the roads of their townships into sections and appoint overseers for said sections at said meeting. They shall at the same time allot the hands to said overseers, and shall also designate the boundaries or points to which each resident shall be liable to work on said section, and shall within five days after such meeting certify to each overseer written notice of his appointment, with a list of the hands assigned to his section. Such overseer shall serve, and be liable as such for neglect of duty, until he shall be relieved by the board, which shall be done only upon his showing that his road is in good condition as prescribed by law. The overseer may resign after the expiration of twelve months, provided his road shall be in good repair, and shall not without his consent be again appointed overseer until after the expiration of two years from the date of his resignation.

SEC. 2017. All able-bodied male persons between the ages of eighteen years and forty-five years shall be required under the provisions of this chapter to work on the public roads, except the members of the board of supervisors of public roads, but no person shall be compelled to work more than six days in any year, except in case of damage resulting from a storm: *Provided*, that ten days instead of six days be the limit as to the counties west of the Blue Ridge.



SEC. 2018. No person between the ages prescribed shall be exempted from working upon the public roads, except by the general assembly, or by the board of supervisors of the township, on account of personal infirmity; of which the said board shall be the sole judge.

SEC. 2019. The overseer of the road shall, as often as the road shall require, subject to the limitation in the preceding section, summon the hands of his section to work on the road, but the said hands shall not be required to work continuously for a longer time at any one time than two days, and at least fifteen days shall intervene between workings, except in case of special damage to the road resulting from a storm. The notice shall be at least three days before the day named for the work, and shall state the hour and the place for the meeting of the hands, and what implement the hand shall bring with him. Every person liable to work on the road who has been so summoned shall appear at the time and place named, and with the implement directed, and shall work on the road under the direction of the overseer, not less than seven hours nor a longer time than ten hours in any one day. Any person summoned as aforesaid who shall, by twelve o'clock of the day preceding the one appointed for work on the road, pay to the overseer the sum of one dollar, shall be relieved from working on the road for one day. The money thus collected by the overseer shall be by him applied on the working and repairing of the road: *Provided, further*, that any person who shall furnish one able bodied hand as a substitute, with the implement directed, shall be held to have complied with this chapter.

When an overseer shall not be able to personally notify the hands three days before the day appointed for working the road, he shall leave at the house of each hand a written summons, specifying the day on which they are required to attend, the place of the road to be worked, and the kind of tools to be brought or used; and the said written summons, left as aforesaid, shall be deemed sufficient notice to the hands required to be notified; and all penalties recovered by an overseer, for default of working on the road, shall be applied by him to the repair of the road of which he is, or may have been overseer.

SEC. 2020. Any person liable to work on the road who shall fail to attend and work as hereinbefore provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than two dollars nor more than five dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding five days, and if any defendant shall be unable to discharge the judgment and costs that may be recovered against him; the costs shall be paid by the county.

SEC. 2021. Every overseer shall at each and every meeting of the board of supervisors of his township make a written report to them on oath of the present condition of his road, of the number of days worked on his section since last meeting, of the number of hands who attended and worked each day, of the number and names of hands who failed to attend and work; whether or not they were legally summoned, and whether or not they paid the one dollar as provided. Upon this report, if it shall appear that any of the hands, after being legally summoned, have failed to attend and work on said road, and that they did not pay the one dollar, then it shall be the duty of the said supervisors, or any one of them, to issue a warrant for the arrest of any such hand, and shall put him upon trial for the offence.

SEC. 2022. The said overseers shall at the meeting of the supervisors in August make a report of all moneys collected by them from parties excused from work on the road for the preceding year, with a statement as to how the same was expended. If any overseer shall fail to discharge any one of the duties imposed by this chapter, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction shall be fined seven dollars, and in default of payment of fine and cost be imprisoned not exceeding five days. In case of failure of any overseer to make any report to the board of supervisors of public roads of his township, as provided in this chapter, it shall be the duty of the chairman of such board, immediately upon such failure, to make a sworn statement of the fact before some justice of the peace of an adjoining township, who shall immediately issue his warrant for the arrest of the said overseer, and proceed to try him for the offence.

SEC. 2023. The board of supervisors shall have a right to lay out and discontinue cartways, and the board of commissioners of the county only shall have the right to lay out, establish, construct and discontinue public roads.

SEC. 2024. The board of supervisors shall annually make report to the first term



of the superior court of their county after the first Monday in August of the condition of the roads of their township, and if any board of supervisors shall fail to make said report or to discharge any other duty imposed by this chapter, they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court, and the indictment may be either against the board of supervisors, or against the individuals composing it as justices of the peace.

SEC. 2025. All roads except such as are causewayed or through cuts shall be not less than eighteen feet wide, clear of trees, logs and other obstructions to the passage of ordinary vehicles, and there shall be ten feet in width in the centre of the roadway, clear of stumps and runners. Where, by the overseers, it may be deemed expedient to make or repair causeways on the same, they shall be at least fourteen feet wide; and earth necessary to raise or cover them shall be taken from either hand, so as to form a drain on each side of the causeway; and they shall make of the same width, necessary bridges through swamps and over small streams of water: *Provided*, this section shall not apply to the roads in those counties where there is by law a classification of the widths of the roads.

SEC. 2027. Overseers may lawfully cut poles and other necessary timber, for repairing and making bridges and causeways, and take earth from any adjoining land.

SEC. 2028. The owner of the land or timber thus used may file his petition before the board of commissioners of the county wherein the injury is done; and for damages sustained thereby, the board shall make the petitioner adequate compensation.

SEC. 2029. Every overseer of the road, when the township board of supervisors may so direct, shall cause to be made and kept in repair, for the convenience of travelers on foot good and sufficient footways over all swamps and streams of water that may cross that part of the road allotted to him; and, when the board shall so direct, shall also erect and keep hand-rails on each side of all hollow bridges situate on such part of the road.

SEC. 2033. Every overseer who shall neglect to do any duty, by this chapter directed to be done, or who shall not keep the roads and bridges clear and in repair, or shall let them remain uncleared or out of repair, during the space of ten days, unless hindered by extreme bad weather, shall forfeit for every such offence four dollars, and be liable for such damages as may be sustained.

SEC. 2034. When a bridge shall be necessary, and the overseer with his assistants cannot conveniently make it, the township board of supervisors, with the concurrence of the board of county commissioners, shall contract for the building, keeping and repairing thereof, provided the cost of the same does not exceed five hundred dollars, and the same shall be a charge on the county; and when bridges shall be necessary over any stream which divides one county from another, the commissioners of each shall join in agreement for building, keeping and repairing the same, provided the cost of the same does not exceed five hundred dollars; and the charge thereof shall be defrayed by both counties, in proportion to the number of taxable polls in each.

SEC. 2035. Every contract and order by the boards of township supervisors and county commissioners entered into or made as authorized by this chapter for or concerning the building, keeping or repairing bridges, in such manner as to them may seem most proper, shall be valid against the county.

SEC. 2036. It shall be the duty of every owner of a water-mill, which is situate on any public road, and also of every person who, for the purpose of draining his lands, or for any other purpose, shall construct any ditch, drain or canal across a public road, respectively, to keep at his own expense in good and sufficient repair, all bridges that are or may be erected or attached to his mill dam, immediately over which a public road may run; and also to erect and keep in repair all necessary bridges over such ditch, drain or canal on the highway, so long as they may be needed by reason of the continuance of said mill, or mill dam, ditch, drain or canal.

SEC. 2037. Every person who shall fail to perform the duties imposed on him by the preceding section, or shall leave out of repair any such bridge, for the space of ten days, unless prevented by unavoidable circumstances, shall be liable for



such damages as may be sustained, and moreover shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 2038. The board of county commissioners shall not establish any ferry, or order the laying out of any public road, or discontinue or alter such road or ferry, unless upon petition in writing.

SEC. 2039. In all applications provided for in the preceding section, the board of county commissioners may direct how and by whom the costs shall be paid; and any person may appeal to the superior court at term time, and if any person shall appeal from the board on such petition, he shall give bond to the opposing party as provided in other cases of appeal, and from the judgment of the superior court either party may appeal to the supreme court as is provided in other cases of appeal in the Code.

SEC. 2040. All roads shall be laid out by a jury of five freeholders, who shall be summoned by the sheriff to meet at one of the termini of the proposed road, and being duly sworn by the sheriff or other person authorized to administer oaths, shall lay out said road to the greatest advantage of the inhabitants, and with as little prejudice as may be to lands and enclosures; which laying out, and such damage as private persons may sustain, shall be done and ascertained, by the same jury on oath; and all damages by them assessed shall be deemed a county charge.

SEC. 2043. The board of supervisors of the township, within ten days after the rise of the board, shall furnish the constable with two copies of each order appointing overseers of roads, that may have been made during the sitting of the board. And the constable shall apply at the office of the board, within ten days after the rise of every meeting of the board for such orders, and, on receiving them, shall, within twenty days, serve each overseer of roads with a copy of the order, or leave the same at his usual habitation; and the other copy shall be returned to the next meeting of the board of supervisors, with the date of its reception by him, and the date of the service, indorsed thereon, or the date when it was left at the residence of the said overseer. And if either the board or constable shall fail to perform any duty enjoined by this section, he shall forfeit ten dollars to the county, to be recovered at any time, by notice to show cause at the instance of the solicitor, who shall prosecute the same in the name of the State.

SEC. 2058. Any person desiring to erect a gate across a public road may file his petition before the board of supervisors of the township where the road lies; whereupon publication shall be made at the court-house until the next succeeding meeting, of such application, specifying the road, the place for the gate and name of the petitioner; and all persons interested in the convenient traveling or transportation on said road, shall have leave to appear and defend, demur, or plead to said petition; and if, at that meeting, it shall appear that such publication has been made, the supervisors may, at their discretion, authorize the petitioner, at his cost, to erect a gate as prayed for. And if any person shall leave open, break down or otherwise injure such gates, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence ten dollars to the person erecting the same or his assigns of the land, and if the offence shall be maliciously done, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2065. If any person shall wilfully alter, change or obstruct any highway, cart-way, mill road or road leading to and from any church or other place of public worship, whether the right of way thereto be secured in the manner herein provided for or by purchase, donation or otherwise, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined or imprisoned, or both.

Any person who shall hinder or in any manner interfere with the making of any road or cart-way laid off according to this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by fine or imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the court.



## MECKLENBURG ROAD LAW.

[APPLIES TO MECKLENBURG AND CERTAIN OTHER COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA.]

SECTION 1. All roads and ferries that have been laid out or appointed by virtue of any act of Assembly or any order of court, are hereby declared to be public roads and ferries. And the justices of the peace in each township shall have the supervision and control of the public roads in their respective townships; they are hereby incorporated, and the board of trustees of such township shall be their corporate name. They shall have the right to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any of the courts of the State. The board of township trustees and the board of county commissioners, as hereafter set forth in this chapter, shall have full power and authority within their respective counties to appoint and settle ferries, and to order the laying out and repairing of public roads; where necessary, to appoint where bridges, or bridges and fords shall be made, to discontinue such roads and ferries as shall be found useless, and to alter roads so as to make them more useful.

SEC. 2. The board of township trustees shall meet in some place in their respective townships to be agreed upon by themselves, or, in the absence of such an agreement, to be named by their chairman, on the first Monday of May and November, and at such other times as a majority of them may deem advisable. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and shall annually at their May meeting elect one of their number chairman. The board of trustees shall be exempt from the four days' labor on the public roads. It shall be the further duty of the trustees to examine into the condition of the public roads and highways of their respective townships at least twice in each and every year, and make a report on the condition of said roads and highways and present said report at the spring and fall terms to the judge of the superior court, who shall transmit said report to the solicitor with such instructions as he may deem proper. That each and every chairman of county commissioners, board of county commissioners, justice of the peace or board of township trustees or supervisor, who shall neglect or refuse to perform the several duties enjoined by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court, and it is hereby made the duty of solicitors to prosecute said offences.

SEC. 3. That the township trustees of the several townships of this State shall, on the first Monday of May next, or within four weeks thereafter, divide their respective townships into suitable road districts, and annually thereafter may make such alterations therein as they may deem proper, and cause a brief description thereof to be made on the township records, and also furnish each supervisor with a plot of his road district. The trustees of each township, at their May meeting, and annually thereafter, shall elect one supervisor for each road district. And each supervisor who refuses or neglects to qualify and serve, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars and costs, to be collected by the township trustees in action of debt. Money so collected shall go into the road fund of the township, and be credited to the proper road district. That when any vacancy shall occur in the office of supervisor by death, resignation or otherwise, the trustees of the township wherein such vacancy occurs shall appoint some suitable person to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 4. The road-bed shall be not more than sixteen feet wide, unless so ordered by the board of county commissioners, and in opening new roads not more than five jurors shall be summoned or required. And it shall be the duty of each and every supervisor to open or cause to be opened all public roads and highways which shall have been or may hereafter be laid out and established in his road district, the same to keep in repair, and remove or cause to be removed all obstructions that may from time to time be found thereon; for which purpose the supervisors are hereby authorized to enter upon any uncultivated lands, or improved lands unincumbered by crops, near to or adjoining such roads, to cut and carry away timber, except trees or groves on improved land planted or left for ornament or shade; to dig or cause to be dug and carried away any gravel, sand or



stone which may be necessary to make, improve or repair said road, and to enter on any lands adjoining or lying near the road to make such drains or ditches through the same as he may deem necessary for the benefit of the roads, doing as little injury to said lands and the improvements thereon and timber, as the nature of the case and the public good will permit; and the drains and ditches so made shall be conducted to the nearest water-course, and shall be kept open by such supervisors, and shall not be obstructed by the owner or occupier of such lands, or any other person or persons having the same in charge under the penalty of forfeiting a sum not exceeding ten dollars for each and every offence, to be collected by the supervisor and paid over by him to the township trustees and applied to the road fund of the township.

SEC. 5. That all able bodied male persons, and all male persons able to perform, or cause to be performed, the labor herein required, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, except persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State, shall be liable annually to do and perform four days' labor on the highways, under the direction of the supervisor of the road district in which he shall reside: *Provided further*, that if any person, being named as hereinafter provided, shall pay to the supervisor in whose district he may reside the sum of three dollars, the same shall be received in lieu of the four days' labor, and shall be applied by the supervisor receiving the same to the improvement of the roads of his district, and accounted for as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of every supervisor to order out every such person resident as aforesaid, between the first day of February and the first day of December, annually, to do and perform the work aforesaid on the public roads within the district, and if any such resident being personally warned by such supervisor, or by leaving a written notice at his usual abode, shall refuse or neglect, having had at least two days' notice, to attend by himself or substitute to the acceptance of the supervisor, or having attended shall refuse to obey the directions of the supervisor, or shall spend the time in idleness or any inattention to the duties assigned him, every such delinquent shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for every such offence, and shall further be liable in all cases of non-attendance to the amount of four days' work, to be recovered by action before any justice of the peace of the proper township at the suit of the supervisor within whose district he may reside; and shall also be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not exceeding five dollars and imprisoned not exceeding five days; and the money so collected shall be applied by said supervisor to the improvement of the roads in his district, and accounted for by him at the annual settlement with the township trustees: *Provided*, that no person shall be released from the performance of labor on the public highways by reason of the neglect of any supervisor to order out such person on or before the first day of December, as herein provided.

SEC. 7. That in case any person shall remove from one district to another, who has prior to such removal performed the whole or any part of the labor aforesaid, or in any other way has paid the whole or any part of the amount aforesaid, in lieu of such labor, and shall produce a certificate of the same from the supervisor of the proper district, such certificate shall be a complete discharge for the amount therein specified.

SEC. 8. That any person called upon to perform any labor upon the public roads and highways under any provisions of this act, shall by himself or substitute appear at the place appointed by the supervisor at the hour of seven o'clock in the forenoon with such necessary tools and implements as the supervisor may direct.

SEC. 9. That for the purpose provided for in the preceding sections of this act, the residence of any person who has a family shall be held to be where his family resides, and the residence of any other person shall be held to be where he boards, in any road district in this State.

SEC. 10. That the several supervisors, within their respective districts, shall collect by suit or otherwise all fines, forfeitures and penalties arising and accruing under the provisions of this act, unless the collection thereof is otherwise herein provided for; and they are hereby authorized and required, before their settlement with the township trustees, to prosecute to final judgment all persons neglecting or refusing to comply with the provisions of this act from whom such fines, forfeiture or penalty, in the opinion of the supervisor, can be collected by execution; and the said judgments if not paid together with the costs thereon shall remain and be in force against the judgment debtor as other judgments at law.



SEC. 11. That the several supervisors shall expend all moneys by them collected for the benefit of the roads and highways in their respective districts; and every supervisor is hereby required to account to the township trustees at the annual settlement for all moneys expended under this act; and they shall also return a full and true list and statement of the names of all persons within their respective districts who have been ordered out to perform the four days' labor as required by this act, and of those who have refused or neglected to perform the same; and all fines and forfeitures sued for and recovered under the provisions of this act shall be paid over on demand by the justice of the peace or constable collecting the same to the supervisor of such road district wherein such fines or forfeitures accrued; and the several supervisors shall also render an account to the township trustees, at the annual settlement, of all moneys that remain in their hands at the time of the settlement; also all judgments that remain unpaid, and the name of the judgment-debtor and the justice of the peace before whom such judgments were obtained with the amount thereof; and the township trustees shall make such order as to the prosecution of the suits by the supervisor of the proper district against such delinquents as in the judgment of the trustees the interest of the township may require.

SEC. 12. That all the moneys that may remain in the hands of the supervisor at the time of the annual settlement with the trustees, shall be paid over to his successor in office as soon as such successor shall be elected and qualified, taking a receipt therefor, and deposit said receipt with the township trustees. It shall be lawful for any supervisor to sue out executions on any judgment that remains unpaid within his proper district, at any time when in his opinion the same can be collected; and the money so received and collected shall be expended as provided in the foregoing section.

SEC. 13. That the supervisors of roads and highways within the State be and are hereby authorized to construct foot bridges over streams of water on said highways.

SEC. 14. That each supervisor within his district shall erect and keep up, at the expense of the township, at the forks of cross roads of every State and county road, a post and guide board or finger board, containing an inscription in legible letters, directing the way and distance to the town or towns, or public place or places, situated on each road respectively.

SEC. 15. That if any person shall wilfully demolish, throw down, alter or deface any guide board, every person so offending shall upon conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace of the proper county, be fined in any sum not exceeding ten dollars and cost of suit, and the money when collected shall be by the justice of the peace collecting the same, paid over to the supervisor in whose district the offence was committed, and be by him applied to the repair of the roads and highways within his district.

SEC. 16. That the township trustees of the several townships within this State be and they are hereby authorized to furnish plows, scrapers or other tools for the use of the several districts within their township, to be paid for out of any moneys in the township treasury not otherwise appropriated. The township trustees shall take a receipt from each supervisor for such implements as they may deliver to him, showing the number, kind and condition thereof, and such supervisor shall be liable for any injury or damage that may result to such implements, or to any of them, by improper use thereof, or by unnecessary exposure to the weather during the time the same may be in his possession; and he shall, on the first Monday of May annually, return the same to said trustees. The amount for which such supervisor may be liable for such improper use or neglect may be recovered by action in the name of the township trustees.

SEC. 17. That the commissioners and board of justices of the peace of the respective counties in this State are hereby authorized to levy at the June session of their board annually for road purposes not less than seven-tenths of a mill, nor more than two mills on the dollar, and the chairman of the county commissioners shall place the same on the tax list of the current year, to be included in and collected in the annual taxes; that if the trustees of any township shall deem an additional road tax necessary, they shall determine the per centum to be levied upon the taxable property of their respective townships, and shall certify the same in writing to the boards of county commissioners and justices of the peace at their



June session, who may levy a special tax, not exceeding one mill on the dollar, and the commissioners and justices may levy and assess the same on the taxable property of the township, and the same shall be collected as other taxes, and paid out as herein provided.

SEC. 18. That the chairman of county commissioners immediately after the commissioners at their annual session for that purpose have determined the amounts to be assessed for road purposes in their respective counties, shall give notice in some newspaper in general circulation in the county, of the per centum on each hundred dollars of the valuation so determined to be assessed in such county and township, and that the said tax may be discharged by labor on the roads under the direction of the supervisors of the several districts, and shall make out a list of the names of each tax-payer, of the amount of the road tax with which each stands charged, and transmit the same to the supervisor of the proper district.

SEC. 19. Any person charged with a road tax may discharge the same by labor on the public highways within the district where the same is charged within the time designated in this act, at the rate of one dollar per day and a ratable allowance per day for any team, implements and material furnished by any person under the direction of the supervisor of such district, who shall give to such person a certificate specifying the amount of tax so paid, and the district and township wherein such labor was performed, which certificate shall in no case be given for any greater sum than was charged against such person, and the county sheriff shall receive all such certificates as money in the discharge of said road tax. The township trustees, in determining the division of this fund, shall be governed not by the miles of road in each district, but by necessities of the roads, the convenience of getting material, the quantity of material necessary to make substantial repairs, etc., and thus make a just and equitable division of said fund between the several districts.

SEC. 20. That each and every supervisor who shall neglect or refuse to perform the several duties enjoined on him by this act, or who shall, under any pretence whatever, give or sign any receipt or certificate purporting to be a receipt or certificate for labor in work performed or money paid, unless the labor shall have been performed or money paid prior to the giving or signing of such receipt or certificate, shall forfeit for every such offence not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered by an action before any justice of the peace of the proper county; and it is hereby made the duty of the township trustees to prosecute all offences against the provisions of this section: *Provided*, that if any supervisor conceives himself aggrieved by the judgment of such justice of the peace, he may, on giving sufficient security, to said justice of the peace for the payment of the cost, appeal to the superior court, who shall make such order therein as to them may appear just and reasonable.

SEC. 21. That it shall be unlawful for any supervisor to perform, or cause labor to be performed, on any road not regularly laid out and established by law.

SEC. 22. That each and every supervisor who shall cut and take any timber, stone or gravel for the purpose of making, improving or repairing any road or building, or repairing any bridge or crossway within his district, shall, on the demand of the owner of the lands, their agent or agents, or the guardian of any ward, or the executor or administrator having lands in charge, from which timber, stone or gravel were taken as aforesaid, shall give a certificate showing the quantity of such timber, stone or gravel, with the value thereof respectively, and the time and purpose for which the same were taken.

SEC. 23. That any person or persons who shall receive a certificate as provided for in the foregoing section, shall present the same to the county commissioners of the proper county at any regular session of said commissioners within six months after the taking and carrying away of such timber, stone or gravel, and the commissioners, being satisfied that the amount as aforesaid is just and equitable, shall cause the same to be paid out of the county treasury; but if not so satisfied, they shall determine what sum in their opinion would be just.

SEC. 24. That each supervisor shall receive for his services one dollar and fifty cents per day for the time actually employed on the roads, deducting the commutation for his four days' labor. Supervisors having charge of not more than twenty-five hands shall not receive more than ten dollars in any one year, and no



supervisor having a greater number shall receive more than twenty dollars in any one year, and be paid out of the county treasury.

SEC. 25. That at any time during the year when any public highway shall be obstructed, it shall be the duty of the supervisor of the district in which the same may be, forthwith to cause such obstruction to be removed, for which purpose he shall immediately order out such number of persons liable to do work or pay tax upon the public highways of his district as he may deem necessary to remove said obstructions. If the person or persons thus called out shall have performed their four days' labor upon the public highways, or paid their road tax, the supervisor shall give to such person or persons a certificate for the amount of labor performed, and said certificate shall apply on the labor or tax that may be due from such person or persons the ensuing year.

SEC. 26. That if any person or persons, corporations or any conductor of any train of railroad cars, or any other agent or servant of any railroad company shall obstruct unnecessarily any public road or highway authorized by any law of this State, by permitting any railroad car or cars or locomotive to remain upon or across any public road or highway for a longer period than five minutes, or shall permit any timber, wood or other obstructions to remain upon or across any such road or highway to the hindrance or inconvenience of travelers, or any person or persons passing along or upon such road or highway, every person or corporation so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence any sum not exceeding twenty nor less than five dollars, and shall be liable for all damages arising to any person from such obstruction or injury to such road or highway, to be recovered by an action at the suit of the trustees of the township in which such offence shall have been committed, or any person suing for the same before any justice of the peace within the county where such offence shall have been committed, or by indictment in the superior court in the proper county. And all fines so accruing under the provisions of this section, when collected, shall be paid over to the supervisor of the district in which such offence was committed, and by the supervisor applied to the improvement of the roads and highways therein; and every twenty four hours such corporation, person or persons as afore-said, after being notified, shall suffer such obstructions to the hindrance or inconvenience of travelers, or any person or persons going along or upon such road or highway, shall be deemed an additional offence against the provisions of this act.

SEC. 27. That every railroad company or other corporation, the servant or servants, agent or agents, employee or employees, of which shall in any manner obstruct any public road or highway, shall be liable to pay all fines which may be assessed against such servant or servants, agent or agents, employee or employees, for so obstructing any such public road or highway, and such liability as may be enforced by execution issued against such railroad company or other corporation on the judgment rendered against such servant or servants, agent or agents, employee or employees, for so obstructing such public road or highway.

SEC. 28. It shall be unlawful for any railroad company to obstruct the drainage of any public road or highway by its road-bed or otherwise, or empty the water from its ditches into any public road or highway; and if any railroad company, being warned by the supervisor of the proper district by leaving a written notice with any agent, or informing any station agent of the said railroad company personally, shall refuse or neglect to remedy the same to the acceptance of the supervisor, shall forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding fifty nor less than twenty dollars, to be recovered by an action at the suit of the township trustees, before any justice of the peace of the proper county, and every ten days such railroad company, after being notified, shall neglect or refuse to remedy such offence shall be deemed an additional offence against the provisions of this act; and the money so collected shall be paid to the supervisor of the district in which the provisions of this section were violated, and the money so paid over shall be used by said supervisor for the improvement of the roads in his district and accounted for in his annual settlement.

SEC. 29. Whenever any persons shall meet each other on any bridge or road traveling with carriages, wagons, or other vehicles, each person shall reasonably drive his carriage or vehicle to the right of the middle of the traveled part of such bridge or road, so that the respective carriages or other vehicles aforesaid may pass each other without interference; every person wilfully offending against

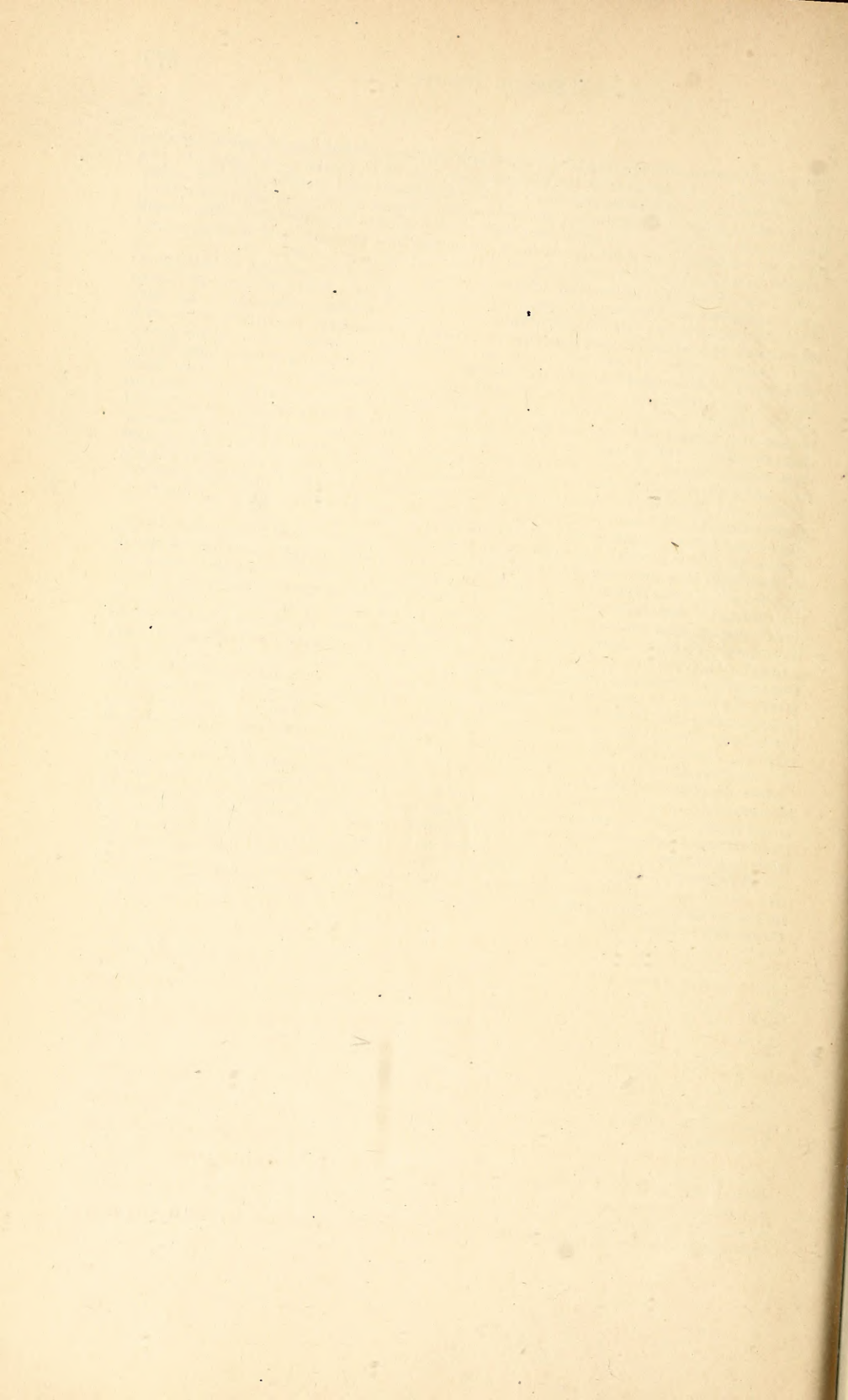


the provisions of this section shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding five dollars, to be recovered on complaint before any justice of the peace in the county where the offence shall have been committed; and he shall further be liable to any party for all damages sustained by reason of such offence: *Provided*, that every such complaint shall be made within one month after the offence shall have been committed, and that every such action for damages shall be commenced within two months after the cause of action shall have accrued.

SEC. 30. It shall be the further duty of each supervisor to cause each railroad company to construct and keep in good repair the road bed of all public roads across the road bed of said railroad company; and if any railroad company, being duly warned by the supervisor of the proper district by leaving a written notice with any station agent, or by informing any station agent of said railroad company personally, shall neglect or refuse to construct or repair said road-bed to the acceptance of the supervisor, shall forfeit any sum not exceeding fifty nor less than thirty dollars, to be recovered by an action at the suit of the township trustees before any justice of the peace in the proper county, and the money so collected shall be paid to the supervisor of the district in which the provisions of this section were violated, and the money so paid over shall be used by said supervisor for the improvement of the roads in his district, and accounted for in his annual settlement; and every five days such railroad company, after being duly notified, shall neglect or refuse to construct or repair said road-bed, shall be deemed an additional offence against the provisions of this act.

SEC. 31. That it shall be lawful for the supervisors of road districts bordering on the State line between North Carolina and any adjoining State where a public highway has been located upon such State line in accordance with and under the provisions of the laws of the State of North Carolina to apply the labor of said district upon said roads in the same manner as on other roads located within the boundaries of this State; and in case any public road is or shall be established as a part of the line or boundary of any township or incorporated village or city, the trustees in such adjoining township or townships and council of such incorporated village or city, as the case may be, shall meet at some convenient place as soon after the first Monday in May as convenient, and apportion such road between the townships or township and village or city as justice and equity may require, and the trustees in the respective townships or village or city council shall cause said road or roads to be opened and improved accordingly.

SEC. 32. The Secretary of State shall furnish the chairman of county commissioners with a sufficient number of printed copies of this act for the use of the supervisors and township trustees of the proper counties, and the commissioners shall furnish the necessary books and blanks for the use of the township trustees and supervisors of their respective counties. The township trustees shall not lay off any portion of any incorporated city, town or village in any road district. The tax levied by county commissioners and justices of the peace under this act shall be levied in accordance with the constitution of this State, and shall apply to all cities and towns.





## CHAPTER VI.

### AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

In this chapter is presented statistics and other information in regard to the productiveness of farming in North Carolina during the past year. To obtain this information a circular was addressed to a half dozen intelligent farmers in each county, at different post-offices, who correspond with the Bureau. Two hundred and twenty-nine replies were received in answer to the circular, and these replies represent every county in the State except one. The correspondents give their individual experience in farming the past year upon the questions asked. The information will no doubt prove interesting and important with respect to the productiveness of farming in the State the past year.

The purport of the questions asked was to elicit the amount of capital used by each correspondent in his farming operations, both real and personal property, the necessary expenses incurred in producing the crop, and the value of the crop produced. The table given in this chapter will show the inquiries made and the answers to them. The questions of the circular were carefully put, to exclude extraordinary expenditures, the purpose being to restrict the information, as near as possible, to a uniform rule.

While the total number of acres and the value of the land owned by each correspondent is given, in making up the amount of production and its cost, only the value of land used in farming operations is included, and on this six per cent. interest is computed and allowed in the cost of production. For instance, if a correspondent owned five hundred acres of land and used only one hundred acres in farming operations, the value of the one hundred acres is put into the estimate instead of the five hundred acres.

It should also be mentioned that in the cost of production where unhired help is reported in the making of the crop, as in the case of the members of a family, the sum of five dollars each per month and board were allowed for their services. This was done with respect not only to those who labored in the field, but in the house also. Upon inquiry and consideration this was deemed to be a fair esti-

mate for such services on an average as could be given at the present prices of farm labor in the State. The board of non-producers was, of course, charged to the expense account. The average family reported was composed of six persons, of whom an average of three and one-half worked in the field or house, and two and one-half were non-producers. The actual expenditure for hired labor was given, and is reported as given.

As will be seen, the expense account is made up of the amount spent for hired labor and wages allowed for unhired labor, as above indicated, the value of products raised and consumed upon the farm by persons, stock, &c., used upon the same, the amount of food supplies purchased for the farm, including the amount spent for fertilizers, and also interest upon the capital actually used. It was thought best to allow wages to families and interest upon capital employed, and not to inquire as to cost of repairs, farm implements, clothing, &c., as such items in many instances would be misleading. Inquiries were limited as much as possible in order to obtain accuracy.

The 229 correspondents answering the circular report that they own 101,099 acres of land, valued at \$959,046, or \$9.50 per acre. This individual valuation is greater than that given for the land generally in the counties from which the reports are made—the average valuation for the counties being \$6.50 per acre, not including town lots.

The number of acres cultivated is given at 25,528, and their value is put at \$484,776. The total produce made on these cultivated acres was \$267,746, an average of \$10.50 to the acre, or about one-third of a bag of cotton. The cost of production is given at \$290,380, an excess of cost over production of \$23,084. This is a loss of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent upon the capital used—the capital used, both real and personal, being put at \$640,395. The percentage of an average crop raised by the correspondents is reported at 74, that for the counties generally is put at 70 per cent. If the percentage of crops raised by the correspondents had been as low as that reported for their counties, that is, 70 per cent., their loss would have been  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. upon the capital used. If an average crop had been produced by those reporting, they would have made  $8\frac{1}{2}$  per cent upon the capital used, taking the method of computation indicated in the table.

The amount paid hired labor was \$44,862, and the value of the ser-



vices of members of the families working on the farms of those reporting at \$5 per month each, and board, was, \$52,811. Total cost of labor, \$97,693. Thus we find that the average cost of labor of persons on farms reported, was \$3.83 for each acre cultivated. The production per acre being reported at \$10.50, we see that the cost of labor was 36 per cent. of the product.

The total cost of fertilizers bought and used was \$13,330, or \$58 to the farm, or 52 cents to the acre.

The cost of food supplies bought for the farm and not raised on the same was \$19,920, or \$87 to the farm.

The number of persons belonging to the families of those reporting is 1375, and of these, 838 are at work, and 537 are non-producers.

It will appear from the foregoing that there are many interesting facts in regard to agriculture and its productiveness gathered from the returns made. These facts are taken from the actual experience of intelligent farmers in all sections of the State during the past year. They represent farming in as favorable way as the facts will justify.

Of course, the past year has been an unusually short crop year in most of the counties of the State on account of drouths and excessive rains, &c. In some counties, however, notably in the west, and even in some localities where crops are short, there have been full crops made, but taking the whole State, the average report for crops, 70 per cent., is perhaps a correct estimate. It is not surprising, therefore, that after deducting necessary expenses, founded upon a close estimate, that there has been a loss. It will be noticed, however, from the table given, that many of those reporting made money upon their farms during the past year, in spite of the unpropitious seasons. This was especially noted in some of the returns where grasses and stock were reported as a special feature of farming, and also in instances where crops were diversified, and home supplies raised. This is but repeating what has been known to be the experience of the best farmers of the State for a long time, and indeed the experience of Southern farmers generally, to be seen in agricultural journals, and wherever progressive and successful farmers express themselves—where diversified farming and home supplies have been the controlling idea, farming has been profitable in season

and out of season. A correspondent from Warren county says, "I have always made my supplies at home, and by doing this I have made some clear money every year for forty-two years." His experience is a general one wherever his methods have been followed. While this plan is generally admitted to be the correct one, it is not generally pursued. The reason assigned in many instances for not doing so is poverty, and no doubt that has a great deal to do with it. Farmers frequently are under obligations which compel them to raise a money crop—that is to satisfy creditors; but with a great many perhaps habit has a great deal to do with it. The old ways are regarded as the best ways.

It should be said, however, that improvement is going on in this direction, brought about perhaps mainly by discussions and interchange of opinions in agricultural clubs, alliances, granges, &c. With each new year more attention is being paid to diversifying crops and raising home supplies.

In the remarks made in this chapter, it should also be noted that considerable stress is laid upon the necessity of reducing the acreage of crops planted. With most farmers there is a disposition to plant a large number of acres and to expend their energies upon them, rather than trust to a less number well cultivated, though it is generally admitted that such a course is not the best or the most profitable one. Perhaps it is upon the principle that it is better to anticipate than to realize, and is one of those errors that will not perhaps be materially changed until there is a denser population and land becomes dearer, or there is a more general diffusion of the best agricultural methods by special instruction in that direction.

There are many subjects of interest discussed by the correspondents in their remarks in this chapter in regard to agriculture, such as crop liens, usurious interest, lack of home made manure, unreliability of labor, &c. A careful perusal of what is said in these remarks will prove interesting and valuable, as will also the figures contained in the table which is given.





TABLE No. 5.—AGRICULTURAL

*Tabulated reports from two hundred and twenty-nine farms in ninety-five ber of acres cultivated and value, value of farming implements, stock, &c., duction, estimated percentage of crop in each county for 1888, number of pro-*

| RETURNS BY COUNTIES. |   | Whole number acres in farm. | Value of acres on farm. | PROPERTY USED IN FARMING. |                            |                                                           |                                                                     |                                                  | Value of product of farm for the year, including that used or sold. | EXPENSE                                                 |                                      |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                      |   |                             |                         | Number acres cultivated.  | Value of acres cultivated. | Value of farming implements, vehicles, &c., used on farm. | Value horses, cows, hogs, and other personal property used on farm. | Total value property used in farming operations. |                                                                     | Value of product raised on farm and consumed past year. | Amount paid in wages for hired help. |
| Alamance,            | 1 | 500                         | \$ 6,000                | 120                       | \$ 2,000                   | \$150                                                     | \$250                                                               | \$ 2,400                                         | \$ 2,800                                                            | \$ 1,000                                                | \$ 100                               |
|                      | 2 | 220                         | 1,200                   | 45                        | 500                        | 125                                                       | 350                                                                 | 975                                              | 525                                                                 | 400                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 3 | 222                         | 2,000                   | 80                        | 800                        | 200                                                       | 500                                                                 | 1,500                                            | 275                                                                 | 275                                                     | 60                                   |
| Alexander,           | 1 | 293                         | 3,000                   | 100                       | 2,000                      | 100                                                       | 400                                                                 | 2,500                                            | 700                                                                 | 500                                                     | 50                                   |
|                      | 2 | 183                         | 1,500                   | 60                        | 800                        | 250                                                       | 450                                                                 | 700                                              | 700                                                                 | 500                                                     | 35                                   |
|                      | 3 | 200                         | 600                     | 30                        | 300                        | 100                                                       | 200                                                                 | 600                                              | 350                                                                 | 200                                                     | -----                                |
| All'ghany,           | 1 | 260                         | 2,000                   | 20                        | 300                        | 175                                                       | 400                                                                 | 875                                              | 550                                                                 | 200                                                     | 75                                   |
|                      | 2 | 880                         | 11,000                  | 400                       | 8,000                      | 550                                                       | 1200                                                                | 9,750                                            | 1,300                                                               | 500                                                     | 150                                  |
| Anson,               | 1 | 640                         | 11,000                  | 150                       | 2,000                      | 250                                                       | 500                                                                 | 2,750                                            | 1,500                                                               | 300                                                     | 100                                  |
|                      | 2 | 1700                        | 10,000                  | 400                       | 5,000                      | 500                                                       | 1500                                                                | 7,000                                            | 7,000                                                               | 3,000                                                   | 1,000                                |
| Ashe,                | 1 | 250                         | 4,000                   | 125                       | 2,500                      | 125                                                       | 550                                                                 | 3,175                                            | 1,050                                                               | 300                                                     | 175                                  |
|                      | 2 | 600                         | 12,000                  | 300                       | 8,000                      | 300                                                       | 900                                                                 | 9,200                                            | 1,500                                                               | 1,000                                                   | 132                                  |
|                      | 3 | 225                         | 1,000                   | 50                        | 600                        | 250                                                       | 300                                                                 | 1,150                                            | 250                                                                 | 100                                                     | 5                                    |
|                      | 4 | 315                         | 7,500                   | 200                       | 6,000                      | 300                                                       | 1300                                                                | 7,600                                            | 800                                                                 | 800                                                     | 200                                  |
| Beaufort,            | 1 | 400                         | 2,000                   | 100                       | 1,500                      | 200                                                       | 250                                                                 | 1,950                                            | 900                                                                 | 400                                                     | 300                                  |
|                      | 2 | 375                         | 3,000                   | 75                        | 1,200                      | 125                                                       | 350                                                                 | 1,975                                            | 1,175                                                               | 375                                                     | 160                                  |
| Bertie,              | 1 | 3800                        | 25,000                  | 1000                      | 20,000                     | 500                                                       | 500                                                                 | 21,000                                           | 10,000                                                              | 2,000                                                   | 3,000                                |
|                      | 2 | 300                         | 4,000                   | 80                        | 2,000                      | 150                                                       | 675                                                                 | 2,825                                            | 800                                                                 | 600                                                     | 50                                   |
| Bladen,              | 1 | 20                          | 236                     | 20                        | 236                        | 10                                                        | 150                                                                 | 396                                              | 270                                                                 | 135                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 2 | 90                          | 1,000                   | 80                        | 900                        | 150                                                       | 300                                                                 | 1,350                                            | 1,500                                                               | 300                                                     | 200                                  |
| Br'nswick,           | 1 | 60                          | 2,000                   | 10                        | 1,500                      | 50                                                        | 100                                                                 | 1,650                                            | 350                                                                 | 150                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 2 | 150                         | 2,000                   | 75                        | 1,200                      | 300                                                       | 500                                                                 | 2,000                                            | 1,095                                                               | 295                                                     | 564                                  |
|                      | 3 | 60                          | 1,000                   | 25                        | 500                        | 32                                                        | 150                                                                 | 682                                              | 335                                                                 | 91                                                      | 39                                   |
|                      | 4 | 60                          | 1,500                   | 25                        | 1,000                      | 75                                                        | 250                                                                 | 1,325                                            | 550                                                                 | 50                                                      | 15                                   |
|                      | 5 | 600                         | 2,000                   | 120                       | 1,500                      | 200                                                       | 500                                                                 | 2,200                                            | 2,200                                                               | 1,500                                                   | 50                                   |
| Bunc'mbe,            | 1 | 70                          | 2,000                   | 25                        | 1,200                      | 10                                                        | 150                                                                 | 1,360                                            | 650                                                                 | 250                                                     | 10                                   |
|                      | 2 | 220                         | 2,500                   | 120                       | 1,500                      | 75                                                        | 125                                                                 | 1,700                                            | 950                                                                 | 500                                                     | 25                                   |
| Burke,               | 1 | 1800                        | 12,000                  | 600                       | 8,000                      | 750                                                       | 2000                                                                | 10,750                                           | 2,100                                                               | 800                                                     | 300                                  |
|                      | 2 | 240                         | 1,500                   | 20                        | 200                        | -----                                                     | -----                                                               | -----                                            | 250                                                                 | 250                                                     | 50                                   |
| Cabarrus,            | 1 | 65                          | 1,000                   | 40                        | 600                        | 75                                                        | 160                                                                 | 835                                              | 340                                                                 | 280                                                     | 20                                   |
|                      | 2 | 100                         | 2,000                   | 40                        | 500                        | 250                                                       | 1000                                                                | 1,750                                            | 800                                                                 | 700                                                     | 25                                   |
| Caldwell,            | 1 | 200                         | 10,000                  | 75                        | 5,000                      | 500                                                       | 1000                                                                | 6,500                                            | 2,400                                                               | 400                                                     | 150                                  |
|                      | 2 | 487                         | 7,500                   | 150                       | 3,000                      | 200                                                       | 1500                                                                | 4,700                                            | 3,075                                                               | 1,200                                                   | 600                                  |
| Camden,              | 1 | 135                         | 4,000                   | 85                        | 2,500                      | 150                                                       | 500                                                                 | 3,150                                            | 1,150                                                               | 500                                                     | 150                                  |
|                      | 2 | 500                         | 7,500                   | 200                       | 4,000                      | 250                                                       | 1000                                                                | 5,250                                            | 2,500                                                               | 500                                                     | 1,000                                |



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counties of the State, showing number of acres in farm and value of same, num-  
used on farm, capital employed, product of farm, value of same, cost of pro-  
ducers and non-producers on each farm, &c., &c.

| OF FARM.                                                          |                              |                                                                        |                                                                               |                |                                                 |                                       |                                                                    |                                                                                |                                                                              |                                                                      |                                                                  |                                                            |                                                         |                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Estimated wages of family work-<br>ing on farm and not paid wages | Amount paid for fertilizers. | Amount paid for other supplies<br>used on farm and not raised on same. | Interest on value of property used<br>in farming operations at 6 per<br>cent. | Total expense. | Net value in excess of cost of produc-<br>tion. | Excess of cost over value of product. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year<br>by person reporting. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year<br>in township of person reporting. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year<br>in county of person reporting. | Average value of land per acre in town-<br>ship of person reporting. | Average value of land per acre in county<br>of person reporting. | Number in family of person reporting<br>supported on farm. | Number in family who work on farm in<br>field or house. | Number in family who live on farm and<br>are non-producers. |
| \$360                                                             | \$225                        | \$ 40                                                                  | \$ 144                                                                        | \$ 1869        | \$ 931                                          | \$                                    | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 70                                                                           | \$10                                                                 | \$ 8                                                             | 11                                                         | 6                                                       | 5                                                           |
| 300                                                               | 15                           | 40                                                                     | 58                                                                            | 813            | -----                                           | 288                                   | 60                                                                 | 60                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 4                                                                    | 5 50                                                             | 8                                                          | 5                                                       | 3                                                           |
| 430                                                               | 6                            | 75                                                                     | 90                                                                            | 926            | -----                                           | 651                                   | 50                                                                 | 50                                                                             | 50                                                                           | 4                                                                    | 4                                                                | 7                                                          | 7                                                       | -----                                                       |
| 120                                                               | 20                           | -----                                                                  | 150                                                                           | 840            | -----                                           | 140                                   | 90                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 60                                                                           | 6 50                                                                 | 4                                                                | 5                                                          | 2                                                       | 3                                                           |
| 360                                                               | 25                           | -----                                                                  | 42                                                                            | 862            | -----                                           | 162                                   | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 6                                                                    | 6                                                                | 9                                                          | 6                                                       | 3                                                           |
| 180                                                               | -----                        | 20                                                                     | 36                                                                            | 436            | -----                                           | 86                                    | 90                                                                 | 80                                                                             | 80                                                                           | 3                                                                    | 4                                                                | 5                                                          | 3                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 100                                                               | -----                        | 30                                                                     | 54                                                                            | 460            | 90                                              | -----                                 | 95                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 90                                                                           | 10                                                                   | 7                                                                | 1                                                          | 1                                                       | -----                                                       |
| 360                                                               | -----                        | 40                                                                     | 588                                                                           | 1050           | 250                                             | -----                                 | 100                                                                | 100                                                                            | 100                                                                          | 7                                                                    | 6                                                                | 7                                                          | 6                                                       | 1                                                           |
| 480                                                               | 67                           | 50                                                                     | 162                                                                           | 1159           | 341                                             | -----                                 | 60                                                                 | 50                                                                             | 50                                                                           | 5                                                                    | 6                                                                | 10                                                         | 8                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 240                                                               | 200                          | 1000                                                                   | 420                                                                           | 6260           | 740                                             | -----                                 | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 50                                                                           | 4                                                                    | 3                                                                | 4                                                          | 4                                                       | -----                                                       |
| 240                                                               | -----                        | 20                                                                     | 190                                                                           | 925            | 125                                             | -----                                 | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 10                                                                   | 2 to 9                                                           | 5                                                          | 4                                                       | 1                                                           |
| 180                                                               | -----                        | -----                                                                  | 552                                                                           | 1864           | -----                                           | 364                                   | 80                                                                 | 80                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 8                                                                    | 6                                                                | 5                                                          | 3                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 360                                                               | -----                        | 10                                                                     | 70                                                                            | 515            | -----                                           | 265                                   | 60                                                                 | 60                                                                             | 60                                                                           | 5 to 10                                                              | 5 to 10                                                          | 10                                                         | 6                                                       | 4                                                           |
| -----                                                             | 36                           | -----                                                                  | 456                                                                           | 1492           | -----                                           | 692                                   | 80                                                                 | 80                                                                             | 80                                                                           | 15                                                                   | 10                                                               | 4                                                          | 4                                                       | 4                                                           |
| 120                                                               | 20                           | 50                                                                     | 117                                                                           | 1007           | -----                                           | 107                                   | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 60                                                                           | 5                                                                    | 6                                                                | 5                                                          | 2                                                       | 3                                                           |
| 300                                                               | 113                          | 125                                                                    | 118                                                                           | 1191           | -----                                           | 16                                    | 50                                                                 | 65                                                                             | 65                                                                           | 5                                                                    | 5                                                                | 9                                                          | 5                                                       | 4                                                           |
| 240                                                               | 500                          | 1000                                                                   | 1260                                                                          | 8000           | 2000                                            | -----                                 | 80                                                                 | 50                                                                             | 60                                                                           | 6                                                                    | 4                                                                | 4                                                          | 4                                                       | -----                                                       |
| 200                                                               | -----                        | -----                                                                  | 168                                                                           | 1018           | -----                                           | 218                                   | 70                                                                 | 70                                                                             | 70                                                                           | 5                                                                    | 5                                                                | 5                                                          | 3                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 240                                                               | -----                        | -----                                                                  | 21                                                                            | 396            | -----                                           | 126                                   | 75                                                                 | -----                                                                          | -----                                                                        | -----                                                                | -----                                                            | 6                                                          | 4                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 120                                                               | 200                          | 200                                                                    | 81                                                                            | 1101           | 399                                             | -----                                 | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 2                                                                    | 2                                                                | 5                                                          | 2                                                       | 3                                                           |
| 120                                                               | -----                        | 300                                                                    | 99                                                                            | 669            | -----                                           | 319                                   | 50                                                                 | 50                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 1                                                                    | 90                                                               | 6                                                          | 2                                                       | 4                                                           |
| 120                                                               | 25                           | 100                                                                    | 120                                                                           | 1224           | -----                                           | 129                                   | 80                                                                 | 80                                                                             | 80                                                                           | 2                                                                    | 1                                                                | 6                                                          | 2                                                       | 4                                                           |
| 120                                                               | -----                        | 22                                                                     | 40                                                                            | 212            | 123                                             | -----                                 | 70                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 1                                                                    | 1                                                                | 4                                                          | 2                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 240                                                               | -----                        | 25                                                                     | 80                                                                            | 410            | 140                                             | -----                                 | 50                                                                 | 50                                                                             | 45                                                                           | 5                                                                    | 3                                                                | 6                                                          | 4                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 240                                                               | -----                        | -----                                                                  | 132                                                                           | 1922           | 278                                             | -----                                 | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 1                                                                    | 1                                                                | 4                                                          | 4                                                       | -----                                                       |
| 180                                                               | 30                           | 50                                                                     | 81                                                                            | 601            | 49                                              | -----                                 | 100                                                                | 80                                                                             | 80                                                                           | 15                                                                   | 12                                                               | 3                                                          | 3                                                       | -----                                                       |
| 300                                                               | -----                        | 40                                                                     | 104                                                                           | 969            | -----                                           | 19                                    | 80                                                                 | 85                                                                             | 85                                                                           | 10                                                                   | 10                                                               | 8                                                          | 6                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 300                                                               | -----                        | -----                                                                  | 645                                                                           | 2045           | 55                                              | -----                                 | 85                                                                 | 85                                                                             | 70                                                                           | 7 to 10                                                              | 5 to 6                                                           | 9                                                          | 5                                                       | 4                                                           |
| 180                                                               | 5                            | 10                                                                     | 12                                                                            | 507            | -----                                           | 257                                   | 100                                                                | 90                                                                             | 85                                                                           | 4                                                                    | 10                                                               | 6                                                          | 3                                                       | 3                                                           |
| 180                                                               | 25                           | 15                                                                     | 50                                                                            | 570            | -----                                           | 230                                   | 50                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 60                                                                           | 10                                                                   | 8                                                                | 6                                                          | 3                                                       | 3                                                           |
| 180                                                               | 10                           | -----                                                                  | 105                                                                           | 1020           | -----                                           | 220                                   | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 60                                                                           | 10                                                                   | 7 50                                                             | 4                                                          | 3                                                       | 1                                                           |
| 240                                                               | 8                            | 10                                                                     | 390                                                                           | 1198           | 1202                                            | -----                                 | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 65                                                                           | 10 to 15                                                             | 10                                                               | 4                                                          | 4                                                       | -----                                                       |
| 420                                                               | 100                          | 250                                                                    | 282                                                                           | 2852           | 223                                             | -----                                 | 80                                                                 | 80                                                                             | 80                                                                           | 10                                                                   | 10                                                               | 9                                                          | 7                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 240                                                               | 7                            | 60                                                                     | 189                                                                           | 1146           | 4                                               | -----                                 | 85                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 12                                                                   | 10*                                                              | 6                                                          | 4                                                       | 2                                                           |
| 360                                                               | 400                          | 100                                                                    | 315                                                                           | 2675           | -----                                           | 175                                   | 75                                                                 | 75                                                                             | 75                                                                           | 10                                                                   | 10*                                                              | 10                                                         | 6                                                       | 4                                                           |

\*Not including the swamp lands.

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| RETURNS BY COUNTIES. |                             | PROPERTY USED IN FARMING. |                          |                            |                                                           |                                                                    |                                                  | Value of product of farm for the year, including that used and sold. | EXPENSE                                                 |                                      |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                      | Whole number acres in farm. | Value of acres in farm.   | Number acres cultivated. | Value of acres cultivated. | Value of farming implements, vehicles, &c., used on farm. | Value horses, cows, hogs and other personal property used on farm. | Total value property used in farming operations. |                                                                      | Value of product raised on farm and consumed past year. | Amount paid in wages for hired help. |
| Carteret,            | 1 10                        | \$ 250                    | 10                       | \$ 250                     | \$ 25                                                     | \$135                                                              | \$ 410                                           | \$ 350                                                               | \$ 250                                                  | \$ 15                                |
|                      | 2 250                       | 3,525                     | 160                      | 1,520                      | 150                                                       | 1500                                                               | 3,020                                            | 2,080                                                                | 580                                                     | 400                                  |
| Caswell,             | 1 400                       | 4,000                     | 200                      | 2,000                      | 500                                                       | 500                                                                | 3,000                                            | 1,000                                                                | 500                                                     | 300                                  |
|                      | 2 550                       | 9,675                     | 94                       | 3,500                      | 200                                                       | 600                                                                | 4,300                                            | 2,500                                                                | 1,500                                                   | 300                                  |
| Catawba,             | 1 240                       | 1,500                     | 20                       | 200                        | 150                                                       | 250                                                                | 600                                              | 250                                                                  | 50                                                      | 50                                   |
|                      | 2 600                       | 3,000                     | 90                       | 1,200                      | 100                                                       | 350                                                                | 1,650                                            | 1,100                                                                | 500                                                     | 64                                   |
| Chatham,             | 1 173                       | 2,000                     | 100                      | 1,200                      | 300                                                       | 242                                                                | 1,742                                            | 360                                                                  | -----                                                   | -----                                |
|                      | 2 1500                      | 8,000                     | 200                      | 2,500                      | 200                                                       | 350                                                                | 3,050                                            | 800                                                                  | 450                                                     | 160                                  |
| Cherokee,            | 1 50                        | 500                       | 12                       | 120                        | 10                                                        | 150                                                                | 280                                              | 225                                                                  | 175                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 2 290                       | 3,000                     | 50                       | 1,000                      | 50                                                        | 250                                                                | 1,300                                            | 750                                                                  | 300                                                     | -----                                |
| Chowan,              | 1 200                       | 3,000                     | 40                       | 1,000                      | 50                                                        | 175                                                                | 1,225                                            | 700                                                                  | 300                                                     | 60                                   |
|                      | 2 150                       | 2,000                     | 60                       | 1,000                      | 100                                                       | 200                                                                | 1,300                                            | 800                                                                  | 500                                                     | -----                                |
| Clay,                | 1 300                       | 1,500                     | 90                       | 1,000                      | 60                                                        | 200                                                                | 1,260                                            | 1,000                                                                | 600                                                     | -----                                |
| Cleveland,           | 1 162                       | 2,500                     | 70                       | 1,400                      | 125                                                       | 1031                                                               | 2,556                                            | 1,115                                                                | 615                                                     | 232                                  |
|                      | 2 292                       | 7,000                     | 72                       | 2,800                      | 97                                                        | 516                                                                | 3,406                                            | 1,073                                                                | 317                                                     | 340                                  |
| Columbus,            | 1 26                        | 400                       | 26                       | 300                        | 75                                                        | 150                                                                | 525                                              | 260                                                                  | 200                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 2 870                       | 2,500                     | 120                      | 1,500                      | 200                                                       | 300                                                                | 2,000                                            | 500                                                                  | 100                                                     | 72                                   |
|                      | 3 150                       | 1,500                     | 90                       | 1,000                      | 200                                                       | 500                                                                | 1,700                                            | 1,000                                                                | 200                                                     | 150                                  |
|                      | 4 40                        | 650                       | 40                       | 650                        | 50                                                        | 115                                                                | 815                                              | 860                                                                  | 500                                                     | 3                                    |
| Craven,              | 1 274                       | 3,500                     | 100                      | 1,500                      | 100                                                       | 375                                                                | 1,975                                            | 1,400                                                                | 400                                                     | 375                                  |
| Cumberl'd,           | 1 1200                      | 2,500                     | 60                       | 1,200                      | 125                                                       | 250                                                                | 1,575                                            | 1,000                                                                | 450                                                     | 150                                  |
|                      | 2 150                       | 6,500                     | 65                       | 2,500                      | 350                                                       | 741                                                                | 3,591                                            | 1,682                                                                | 950                                                     | 140                                  |
| Currituck,           | 1 80                        | 1,000                     | 80                       | 1,000                      | 500                                                       | 200                                                                | 1,700                                            | 1,300                                                                | 500                                                     | 200                                  |
|                      | 2 254                       | 8,000                     | 225                      | 7,000                      | 400                                                       | 1000                                                               | 8,400                                            | 2,550                                                                | 350                                                     | 600                                  |
| Dare,                | 1 60                        | 700                       | 25                       | 500                        | 20                                                        | 125                                                                | 645                                              | 375                                                                  | 200                                                     | -----                                |
| Davidson,            | 1 287                       | 3,000                     | 125                      | 2,000                      | 350                                                       | 600                                                                | 2,950                                            | 1,000                                                                | 500                                                     | 100                                  |
|                      | 2 28                        | 280                       | 10                       | 150                        | 50                                                        | 125                                                                | 325                                              | 125                                                                  | 100                                                     | 2                                    |
|                      | 3 180                       | 2,700                     | 75                       | 1,700                      | 385                                                       | 420                                                                | 2,505                                            | 980                                                                  | 675                                                     | 15                                   |
| Davie,               | 1 400                       | 5,000                     | 150                      | 2,000                      | 300                                                       | 600                                                                | 2,900                                            | 500                                                                  | 300                                                     | 250                                  |
|                      | 2 374                       | 5,000                     | 200                      | 3,000                      | 600                                                       | 1000                                                               | 4,600                                            | 2,400                                                                | 1,500                                                   | -----                                |
|                      | 3 200                       | 3,000                     | 50                       | 1,000                      | 200                                                       | 400                                                                | 1,600                                            | 350                                                                  | 100                                                     | 50                                   |
| Duplin,              | 1 150                       | 600                       | 20                       | 200                        | 60                                                        | 250                                                                | 510                                              | 375                                                                  | 300                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 2 60                        | 180                       | 30                       | 100                        | 100                                                       | 300                                                                | 500                                              | 625                                                                  | 500                                                     | 75                                   |
|                      | 3 43                        | 2,000                     | 40                       | 1,000                      | 135                                                       | 340                                                                | 1,475                                            | 615                                                                  | 365                                                     | 250                                  |
|                      | 4 1700                      | 17,000                    | 150                      | 8,000                      | 250                                                       | 900                                                                | 9,150                                            | 3,000                                                                | 1,000                                                   | 400                                  |
| Durham,              | 1 136                       | 2,000                     | 40                       | 800                        | 100                                                       | 400                                                                | 1,300                                            | 1,000                                                                | 175                                                     | 10                                   |
|                      | 2 245                       | 6,000                     | 75                       | 1,500                      | 500                                                       | 500                                                                | 2,500                                            | 1,400                                                                | 600                                                     | 75                                   |
| Edg'c'mbe,           | 1 500                       | 5,000                     | 140                      | 2,000                      | 125                                                       | 650                                                                | 2,775                                            | 1,200                                                                | 400                                                     | 150                                  |
|                      | 2 60                        | 900                       | 30                       | 600                        | 40                                                        | 125                                                                | 765                                              | 450                                                                  | 150                                                     | -----                                |



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| OF FARM.                                                      |                              |                                                                     |                                                                         |                |                                            |                                       |                                                                 |                                                                             |                                                                           |                                                                 |                                                               |                                                         |                                                      |                                                          |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Estimated wages of family working on farm and not paid wages. | Amount paid for fertilizers. | Amount paid for other supplies used on farm and not raised on same. | Interest on value of property used in farming operations at 6 per cent. | Total expense. | Net value in excess of cost of production. | Excess of cost over value of product. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year by person reporting. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year in township of person reporting. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year in county of person reporting. | Average value of land per acre in township of person reporting. | Average value of land per acre in county of person reporting. | Number in family of person reporting supported on farm. | Number in family who work on farm in field or house. | Number of family who live on farm and are non-producers. |  |
| \$300                                                         | \$...                        | \$ 75                                                               | \$ 24                                                                   | \$ 664         | \$...                                      | \$314                                 | 75                                                              | 50                                                                          | 75                                                                        | \$25                                                            | \$10                                                          | 6                                                       | 5                                                    | 1                                                        |  |
| 300                                                           | ...                          | 400                                                                 | 124                                                                     | 1804           | 276                                        | ...                                   | 75                                                              | 60                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 8                                                               | 8                                                             | 14                                                      | 5                                                    | 9                                                        |  |
| 100                                                           | 120                          | 100                                                                 | 180                                                                     | 1300           | ...                                        | 300                                   | 50                                                              | 50                                                                          | 50                                                                        | 10                                                              | 8                                                             | 5                                                       | 1                                                    | 4                                                        |  |
| 100                                                           | 90                           | 25                                                                  | 258                                                                     | 2273           | 227                                        | ...                                   | 50                                                              | 50                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 7                                                               | 5 50                                                          | 1                                                       | 1                                                    | 0                                                        |  |
| 180                                                           | 5                            | 10                                                                  | 36                                                                      | 281            | ...                                        | 31                                    | 100                                                             | 90                                                                          | 85                                                                        | 4                                                               | 10                                                            | 6                                                       | 3                                                    | 3                                                        |  |
| 300                                                           | 15                           | 75                                                                  | 99                                                                      | 1053           | 47                                         | ...                                   | 90                                                              | 90                                                                          | 80                                                                        | 5                                                               | 5                                                             | 8                                                       | 5                                                    | 3                                                        |  |
| 360                                                           | 10                           | 80                                                                  | 103                                                                     | 553            | ...                                        | 193                                   | 33                                                              | 25                                                                          | 25                                                                        | 10                                                              | 6                                                             | 12                                                      | 6                                                    | 6                                                        |  |
| 100                                                           | 44                           | 100                                                                 | 183                                                                     | 1037           | ...                                        | 237                                   | 50                                                              | 33                                                                          | 25                                                                        | 4                                                               | 3                                                             | 4                                                       | 1                                                    | 3                                                        |  |
| 120                                                           | ...                          | ...                                                                 | 16                                                                      | 311            | ...                                        | 86                                    | 95                                                              | 80                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 10                                                              | 7                                                             | 5                                                       | 4                                                    | 1                                                        |  |
| 180                                                           | ...                          | 30                                                                  | 78                                                                      | 588            | 162                                        | ...                                   | 90                                                              | 90                                                                          | 80                                                                        | 10                                                              | 8                                                             | 6                                                       | 3                                                    | 3                                                        |  |
| 180                                                           | ...                          | 25                                                                  | 72                                                                      | 637            | 63                                         | ...                                   | 80                                                              | 80                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 7                                                               | 6                                                             | 4                                                       | 3                                                    | 1                                                        |  |
| 240                                                           | ...                          | 30                                                                  | 78                                                                      | 848            | ...                                        | 48                                    | 85                                                              | 80                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 8                                                               | 7                                                             | 6                                                       | 4                                                    | 2                                                        |  |
| 240                                                           | ...                          | 20                                                                  | 75                                                                      | 935            | 65                                         | ...                                   | 80                                                              | 85                                                                          | 85                                                                        | 6                                                               | 6                                                             | 9                                                       | 5                                                    | 4                                                        |  |
| 300                                                           | 40                           | 49                                                                  | 154                                                                     | 1390           | ...                                        | 275                                   | 75                                                              | 80                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 15                                                              | 12                                                            | ...                                                     | ...                                                  | ...                                                      |  |
| 100                                                           | 38                           | 27                                                                  | 204                                                                     | 1026           | 47                                         | ...                                   | 100                                                             | 100                                                                         | 90                                                                        | 7                                                               | 10                                                            | ...                                                     | ...                                                  | ...                                                      |  |
| 180                                                           | ...                          | ...                                                                 | 31                                                                      | 411            | ...                                        | 151                                   | ...                                                             | ...                                                                         | ...                                                                       | ...                                                             | ...                                                           | ...                                                     | ...                                                  | ...                                                      |  |
| 240                                                           | 47                           | 50                                                                  | 120                                                                     | 1029           | ...                                        | 529                                   | 67                                                              | 67                                                                          | 80                                                                        | 2                                                               | 1                                                             | 4                                                       | 4                                                    | ...                                                      |  |
| 240                                                           | 160                          | ...                                                                 | 102                                                                     | 852            | 148                                        | ...                                   | ...                                                             | ...                                                                         | ...                                                                       | 3                                                               | 3                                                             | 7                                                       | 4                                                    | 3                                                        |  |
| 360                                                           | 183                          | 350                                                                 | 48                                                                      | 1444           | ...                                        | 584                                   | 75                                                              | 50                                                                          | 50                                                                        | 3 33                                                            | 1 50                                                          | 12                                                      | 6                                                    | 6                                                        |  |
| 180                                                           | 100                          | 75                                                                  | 118                                                                     | 1248           | 152                                        | ...                                   | 67                                                              | 70                                                                          | 70                                                                        | 10                                                              | 8                                                             | 6                                                       | 3                                                    | 3                                                        |  |
| 120                                                           | 80                           | 75                                                                  | 95                                                                      | 970            | 30                                         | ...                                   | 75                                                              | 60                                                                          | 70                                                                        | 5                                                               | 4                                                             | 7                                                       | 2                                                    | 5                                                        |  |
| 360                                                           | 90                           | 80                                                                  | 210                                                                     | 1830           | ...                                        | 148                                   | 67                                                              | 67                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 2                                                               | 2 50                                                          | 10                                                      | 6                                                    | 4                                                        |  |
| 180                                                           | ...                          | 175                                                                 | 102                                                                     | 1157           | 143                                        | ...                                   | 75                                                              | 50                                                                          | 80                                                                        | 20                                                              | 5                                                             | 4                                                       | 3                                                    | 1                                                        |  |
| 300                                                           | 23                           | 150                                                                 | 504                                                                     | 1927           | 123                                        | ...                                   | 85                                                              | 80                                                                          | 80                                                                        | *15                                                             | *15                                                           | 6                                                       | 5                                                    | 1                                                        |  |
| 180                                                           | ...                          | 60                                                                  | 38                                                                      | 478            | ...                                        | 103                                   | 60                                                              | 60                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 7                                                               | 5                                                             | 6                                                       | 3                                                    | 3                                                        |  |
| 300                                                           | 40                           | ...                                                                 | 174                                                                     | 1114           | ...                                        | 114                                   | 50                                                              | 50                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 10                                                              | 7                                                             | 7                                                       | 5                                                    | 2                                                        |  |
| 120                                                           | ...                          | ...                                                                 | 18                                                                      | 240            | ...                                        | 115                                   | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | ...                                                                       | 14                                                              | 10                                                            | 3                                                       | 2                                                    | 1                                                        |  |
| 360                                                           | 14                           | 40                                                                  | 150                                                                     | 1254           | ...                                        | 274                                   | 60                                                              | 68                                                                          | 68                                                                        | 12                                                              | 9                                                             | 7                                                       | 6                                                    | 1                                                        |  |
| 120                                                           | ...                          | ...                                                                 | 174                                                                     | 844            | ...                                        | 344                                   | 85                                                              | 80                                                                          | 80                                                                        | 12                                                              | 10                                                            | 2                                                       | 2                                                    | ...                                                      |  |
| 600                                                           | 20                           | ...                                                                 | 276                                                                     | 2396           | 4                                          | ...                                   | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 10                                                              | 8 50                                                          | ...                                                     | ...                                                  | ...                                                      |  |
| 180                                                           | 15                           | 15                                                                  | 96                                                                      | 456            | ...                                        | 106                                   | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 5 50                                                            | 5 50                                                          | 7                                                       | 3                                                    | 4                                                        |  |
| 300                                                           | ...                          | 20                                                                  | 30                                                                      | 650            | ...                                        | 275                                   | 90                                                              | 60                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 2                                                               | 2 50                                                          | 10                                                      | 5                                                    | 5                                                        |  |
| 100                                                           | 30                           | 50                                                                  | 30                                                                      | 785            | ...                                        | 160                                   | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 2 50                                                            | 2                                                             | 5                                                       | 1                                                    | 4                                                        |  |
| 120                                                           | 50                           | 75                                                                  | 84                                                                      | 944            | ...                                        | 329                                   | 85                                                              | 85                                                                          | 85                                                                        | 5                                                               | 5                                                             | 4                                                       | 2                                                    | 2                                                        |  |
| 100                                                           | 300                          | 50                                                                  | 546                                                                     | 2396           | 604                                        | ...                                   | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 10                                                              | 5                                                             | 5                                                       | 1                                                    | 4                                                        |  |
| 180                                                           | 70                           | 75                                                                  | 78                                                                      | 588            | 412                                        | ...                                   | 75                                                              | 50                                                                          | 50                                                                        | 10                                                              | 8                                                             | 7                                                       | 3                                                    | 4                                                        |  |
| 200                                                           | 138                          | ...                                                                 | 150                                                                     | 1163           | 237                                        | ...                                   | 33                                                              | 33                                                                          | 33                                                                        | 10                                                              | 7                                                             | 5                                                       | 5                                                    | ...                                                      |  |
| 240                                                           | 100                          | 100                                                                 | 166                                                                     | 1156           | 44                                         | ...                                   | 70                                                              | 75                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 10                                                              | 8                                                             | 6                                                       | 4                                                    | 2                                                        |  |
| 180                                                           | 25                           | 45                                                                  | 42                                                                      | 442            | 8                                          | ...                                   | ...                                                             | ...                                                                         | ...                                                                       | ...                                                             | ...                                                           | ...                                                     | ...                                                  | ...                                                      |  |

\*Not including marshes.

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| RETURNS BY COUNTIES. |   | Whole number acres in farm. | Value of acres in farm. | PROPERTY USED IN FARMING. |                            |                                                           |                                                                     |                                                  | Value of product of farm for the year, including that used or sold. | EXPENSE                                                 |                                      |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                      |   |                             |                         | Number acres cultivated.  | Value of acres cultivated. | Value of farming implements, vehicles, &c., used on farm. | Value horses, cows, hogs, and other personal property used on farm. | Total value property used in farming operations. |                                                                     | Value of product raised on farm and consumed past year. | Amount paid in wages for hired help. |
| Forsyth,             | 1 | 140                         | \$ 1,200                | 60                        | \$ 800                     | \$ 50                                                     | \$200                                                               | \$ 1,050                                         | \$ 750                                                              | \$ 300                                                  | \$ 40                                |
|                      | 2 | 20                          | 500                     | 20                        | 500                        | 40                                                        | 175                                                                 | 715                                              | 450                                                                 | 200                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 3 | 200                         | 2,500                   | 75                        | 1,500                      | 50                                                        | 300                                                                 | 1,850                                            | 1,200                                                               | 350                                                     | 150                                  |
|                      | 4 | 300                         | 3,000                   | 60                        | 1,000                      | 200                                                       | 400                                                                 | 1,600                                            | 450                                                                 | 400                                                     | 60                                   |
| Franklin,            | 1 | 2860                        | 16,600                  | 40                        | 400                        | 100                                                       | 300                                                                 | 800                                              | 1,130                                                               | 855                                                     | 63                                   |
|                      | 2 | 210                         | 2,000                   | 25                        | 750                        | 50                                                        | 100                                                                 | 900                                              | 303                                                                 | 163                                                     | 60                                   |
|                      | 3 | 70                          | 700                     | 25                        | 300                        | 75                                                        | 10                                                                  | 385                                              | 350                                                                 | 150                                                     | 2                                    |
| Gaston,              | 1 | 250                         | 5,000                   | 75                        | 2,000                      | 150                                                       | 400                                                                 | 2,550                                            | 700                                                                 | 500                                                     | 25                                   |
|                      | 2 | 163                         | 3,000                   | 50                        | 1,000                      | 200                                                       | 550                                                                 | 1,750                                            | 600                                                                 | 400                                                     | 50                                   |
| Gates,               | 1 | 45                          | 600                     | 25                        | 450                        | 75                                                        | 350                                                                 | 825                                              | 660                                                                 | 460                                                     | 150                                  |
|                      | 2 | 110                         | 1,100                   | 60                        | 840                        | 60                                                        | 180                                                                 | 1,080                                            | 790                                                                 | 300                                                     | 96                                   |
| Graham,              | 1 | 1388                        | 5,000                   | 100                       | 1,500                      | 100                                                       | 400                                                                 | 2,100                                            | 900                                                                 | 500                                                     | 40                                   |
|                      | 2 | 50                          | 500                     | 20                        | 250                        | 20                                                        | 175                                                                 | 465                                              | 170                                                                 | 150                                                     | -----                                |
| Granville,           | 1 | 503                         | 8,000                   | 120                       | 2,500                      | 200                                                       | 900                                                                 | 3,600                                            | 1,800                                                               | 600                                                     | 1,000                                |
|                      | 2 | 175                         | 2,000                   | 75                        | 1,200                      | 50                                                        | 225                                                                 | 1,475                                            | 1,400                                                               | 450                                                     | 225                                  |
|                      | 3 | 90                          | 1,500                   | 40                        | 1,000                      | 75                                                        | 200                                                                 | 1,275                                            | 900                                                                 | 300                                                     | 164                                  |
|                      | 4 | 404                         | 5,000                   | 100                       | 1,500                      | 100                                                       | 400                                                                 | 2,000                                            | 1,900                                                               | 700                                                     | 400                                  |
| Greene,              | 1 | 500                         | 6,000                   | 140                       | 2,500                      | 75                                                        | 200                                                                 | 2,775                                            | 900                                                                 | 500                                                     | 96                                   |
|                      | 2 | 100                         | 1,250                   | 40                        | 600                        | 100                                                       | 250                                                                 | 950                                              | 600                                                                 | 200                                                     | 60                                   |
| Guilford,            | 1 | 130                         | 1,000                   | 30                        | 400                        | 100                                                       | 250                                                                 | 750                                              | 575                                                                 | 275                                                     | 10                                   |
|                      | 2 | 196                         | 1,400                   | 100                       | 1,000                      | 175                                                       | 500                                                                 | 1,675                                            | 540                                                                 | 375                                                     | 50                                   |
| Halifax,             | 1 | 600                         | 4,000                   | 100                       | 800                        | 100                                                       | 600                                                                 | 1,500                                            | 1,400                                                               | 500                                                     | 250                                  |
|                      | 2 | 3000                        | 13,500                  | 100                       | 750                        | 100                                                       | 500                                                                 | 1,350                                            | 700                                                                 | 300                                                     | 125                                  |
| Harnett,             | 1 | 425                         | 3,000                   | 21                        | 250                        | 225                                                       | 400                                                                 | 875                                              | 275                                                                 | 225                                                     | 84                                   |
|                      | 2 | 300                         | 2,000                   | 100                       | 1,000                      | 100                                                       | 300                                                                 | 1,400                                            | 700                                                                 | 300                                                     | 96                                   |
| Haywood,             | 1 | 131                         | 3,000                   | 25                        | 1,500                      | 115                                                       | 300                                                                 | 1,915                                            | 755                                                                 | 350                                                     | 35                                   |
|                      | 2 | 140                         | 7,000                   | 75                        | 5,500                      | 300                                                       | 1200                                                                | 7,000                                            | 1,200                                                               | 400                                                     | 150                                  |
| Henders'n,           | 1 | 100                         | 3,000                   | 80                        | 2,500                      | 100                                                       | 500                                                                 | 3,100                                            | 300                                                                 | 150                                                     | 50                                   |
|                      | 2 | 60                          | 1,200                   | 25                        | 500                        | 100                                                       | 200                                                                 | 800                                              | 450                                                                 | 350                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 3 | 500                         | 200                     | 75                        | 500                        | 50                                                        | 50                                                                  | 600                                              | 200                                                                 | 75                                                      | 25                                   |
| Hertford,            | 1 | 130                         | 2,000                   | 50                        | 1,200                      | 20                                                        | 40                                                                  | 1,260                                            | 700                                                                 | 200                                                     | -----                                |
|                      | 2 | 400                         | 4,000                   | 150                       | 2,000                      | 75                                                        | 300                                                                 | 2,375                                            | 1,000                                                               | 300                                                     | 200                                  |
| Hyde,                | 1 | 25                          | 800                     | 25                        | 800                        | 50                                                        | 300                                                                 | 1,150                                            | 275                                                                 | 25                                                      | 10                                   |
|                      | 2 | 68                          | 1,700                   | 68                        | 1,700                      | 50                                                        | 150                                                                 | 1,900                                            | 810                                                                 | 330                                                     | 160                                  |
|                      | 3 | 130                         | 2,000                   | 50                        | 1,200                      | 20                                                        | 40                                                                  | 1,260                                            | 700                                                                 | 200                                                     | -----                                |
| Iredell,             | 1 | 180                         | 2,500                   | 90                        | 1,500                      | 100                                                       | 350                                                                 | 1,950                                            | 900                                                                 | 500                                                     | 5                                    |
|                      | 2 | 2500                        | 15,000                  | 500                       | 5,000                      | 1000                                                      | 1000                                                                | 7,000                                            | 1,500                                                               | 1,000                                                   | 200                                  |
| Jackson,             | 1 | 300                         | 4,000                   | 80                        | 2,000                      | 150                                                       | 675                                                                 | 2,825                                            | 800                                                                 | 600                                                     | 50                                   |
|                      | 2 | 430                         | 4,500                   | 130                       | 1,800                      | 100                                                       | 300                                                                 | 2,200                                            | 950                                                                 | 600                                                     | -----                                |



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| OF FARM.                                                      |      |      |      |                              |     |       |       |                                                                  |     |    |     |                                                                         |     |     |     |                |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
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| Estimated wages of family working on farm and not paid wages. |      |      |      | Amount paid for fertilizers. |     |       |       | Amount paid for other supplies used on farm, not raised on same. |     |    |     | Interest on value of property used in farming operations at 6 per cent. |     |     |     | Total expense. |  | Net value in excess of cost of production. |  | Excess of cost over value of product. |  | Per cent. of average crop raised this year by person reporting. |  | Per cent. of average crop raised this year in township by person reporting. |  | Per cent. of average crop raised this year in county of person reporting. |  | Average value of land per acre in township of person reporting. |  | Average value of land per acre in county of person reporting. |  | Number in family of person reporting supported on farm. |  | Number in family who work on farm in field or house. |  | Number in family who live on farm and are non-producers. |  |
| \$240                                                         | \$40 | \$60 | \$63 | \$743                        | \$7 | \$... | \$... | 67                                                               | 75  | 75 | 75  | 10                                                                      | \$7 | 7   | 4   | 3              |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 180                                                           | 25   | 15   | 42   | 462                          | ... | 12    | 75    | 70                                                               | 70  | 12 | 8   | 6                                                                       | 3   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 300                                                           | 75   | 100  | 111  | 1086                         | 114 | ...   | 70    | 67                                                               | 67  | 10 | 10  | 9                                                                       | 5   | 4   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 360                                                           | 15   | 10   | 96   | 941                          | ... | 491   | 75    | 75                                                               | 75  | 10 | 8   | 7                                                                       | 6   | 1   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 180                                                           | ...  | ...  | 48   | 1146                         | ... | 16    | 95    | 75                                                               | 65  | 5  | 6   | 12                                                                      | 3   | 9   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 180                                                           | 50   | 60   | 54   | 567                          | ... | 264   | 25    | 25                                                               | 50  | 10 | ... | 4                                                                       | 3   | 1   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 120                                                           | 14   | 30   | 23   | 339                          | 11  | ...   | 80    | 75                                                               | 85  | 9  | 7   | 4                                                                       | 2   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 300                                                           | 30   | 25   | 150  | 1030                         | ... | 330   | 50    | 70                                                               | 60  | 10 | 15  | 6                                                                       | 5   | 1   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 300                                                           | 20   | 25   | 105  | 900                          | ... | 300   | 80    | 75                                                               | 75  | 15 | 12  | 6                                                                       | 5   | 1   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | 25   | 130  | 49   | 1054                         | ... | 394   | 80    | 70                                                               | 60  | 6  | 7   | 5                                                                       | 4   | 1   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 180                                                           | 55   | 75   | 60   | 766                          | 24  | ...   | 75    | 75                                                               | 75  | 8  | 7   | 6                                                                       | 3   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | ...  | 50   | 126  | 956                          | ... | 56    | 80    | 80                                                               | 80  | 3  | 2   | 8                                                                       | 4   | 4   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 120                                                           | ...  | ...  | 39   | 309                          | ... | 139   | 100   | 95                                                               | 95  | 3  | 4   | 6                                                                       | 2   | 4   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| ...                                                           | 180  | 250  | 216  | 2246                         | ... | 446   | 50    | 50                                                               | 30  | 15 | 8   | 3                                                                       | 3   | ... | ... |                |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | 150  | 175  | 85   | 1325                         | 75  | ...   | 60    | 65                                                               | 50  | 12 | 12  | 6                                                                       | 4   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 180                                                           | 90   | 100  | 76   | 910                          | ... | 10    | 50    | 50                                                               | 60  | 10 | 8   | 7                                                                       | 3   | 4   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 300                                                           | 200  | 175  | 120  | 1895                         | 5   | ...   | 65    | 70                                                               | 50  | 12 | 10  | 4                                                                       | 2   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | 52   | 50   | 165  | 1103                         | ... | 203   | 75    | 75                                                               | 75  | 6  | 5   | 7                                                                       | 4   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | 25   | 40   | 57   | 622                          | ... | 22    | 80    | 75                                                               | 70  | 10 | 6   | 6                                                                       | 4   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 60                                                            | ...  | 10   | 45   | 400                          | 175 | ...   | 70    | 70                                                               | 80  | 8  | 8   | 3                                                                       | 1   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 180                                                           | ...  | 25   | 88   | 718                          | ... | 178   | 50    | 35                                                               | 40  | 8  | 7   | 4                                                                       | 3   | 1   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 300                                                           | 150  | 150  | 90   | 1440                         | ... | 40    | 75    | 75                                                               | 60  | 5  | 5   | ...                                                                     | ... | ... | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 200                                                           | 24   | 100  | 80   | 829                          | ... | 129   | 75    | 70                                                               | 70  | 4  | 4   | 10                                                                      | 7   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 60                                                            | ...  | ...  | 52   | 421                          | ... | 146   | 95    | 90                                                               | 88  | 5  | 4   | 5                                                                       | 2   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 120                                                           | 25   | 50   | 82   | 673                          | 27  | ...   | 75    | 75                                                               | 75  | 8  | 5   | 6                                                                       | 2   | 4   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 120                                                           | 10   | 35   | 114  | 664                          | 155 | ...   | 90    | 80                                                               | 85  | 18 | 4   | 4                                                                       | 2   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 150                                                           | ...  | 50   | 420  | 1170                         | 30  | ...   | 80    | 80                                                               | 80  | 20 | 15  | 11                                                                      | 8   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| ...                                                           | ...  | 50   | 186  | 436                          | ... | 136   | 50    | 50                                                               | 50  | 5  | 5   | 4                                                                       | ... | ... | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | ...  | ...  | 48   | 638                          | ... | 188   | 100   | 100                                                              | 100 | 3  | 50  | 5                                                                       | 4   | 1   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 100                                                           | 5    | 25   | 36   | 266                          | ... | 66    | 50    | 50                                                               | 50  | 4  | 3   | 5                                                                       | 2   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | 25   | 30   | 72   | 567                          | 133 | ...   | 100   | ...                                                              | ... | 12 | 12  | 6                                                                       | 4   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | 50   | 100  | 138  | 1028                         | ... | 28    | 75    | 75                                                               | 70  | 10 | 10  | 7                                                                       | 4   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 180                                                           | ...  | 50   | 69   | 334                          | ... | 59    | 75    | 75                                                               | 75  | 30 | 20  | 3                                                                       | 3   | ... | ... |                |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 100                                                           | ...  | ...  | 114  | 704                          | 106 | ...   | 65    | 50                                                               | 80  | 7  | 20  | 3                                                                       | 1   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | 26   | 30   | 75   | 571                          | 129 | ...   | 100   | ...                                                              | ... | 12 | 12  | 6                                                                       | 4   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | 30   | 15   | 54   | 844                          | 56  | ...   | 75    | 75                                                               | 65  | 15 | 9   | 10                                                                      | 4   | 6   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 200                                                           | 40   | 25   | 420  | 1885                         | ... | 385   | 60    | 60                                                               | 50  | 6  | 5   | 8                                                                       | 5   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 200                                                           | ...  | ...  | 168  | 1018                         | ... | 218   | 100   | 95                                                               | 95  | 10 | 6   | 8                                                                       | 6   | 2   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |
| 240                                                           | ...  | ...  | 132  | 972                          | ... | 22    | 90    | 90                                                               | 90  | 12 | 6   | 7                                                                       | 4   | 3   | ... | ...            |  |                                            |  |                                       |  |                                                                 |  |                                                                             |  |                                                                           |  |                                                                 |  |                                                               |  |                                                         |  |                                                      |  |                                                          |  |

TABLE No. 5.—AGRICULTURAL

| RETURNS BY COUNTIES. |   | Whole number acres in farm. | PROPERTY USED IN FARMING. |                          |                            |                                                           |                                                                    |                                                  |                                                         | Value of product of same for the year, including that used or sold. | EXPENSE                              |  |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|                      |   |                             | Value of acres in farm.   | Number acres cultivated. | Value of acres cultivated. | Value of farming implements, vehicles, &c., used on farm. | Value horses, cows, hogs and other personal property used on farm. | Total value property used in farming operations. | Value of product raised on farm and consumed past year. |                                                                     | Amount paid in wages for hired help. |  |
| Johnston,            | 1 | 563                         | \$ 6,500                  | 155                      | \$ 3,100                   | \$250                                                     | \$502                                                              | \$ 3,852                                         | \$ 882                                                  | \$ 382                                                              | 10                                   |  |
|                      | 2 | 286                         | 6,250                     | 100                      | 5,200                      | 400                                                       | 800                                                                | 6,400                                            | 4,600                                                   | 2,600                                                               | 700                                  |  |
| Jones                | 1 | 300                         | 2,000                     | 60                       | 240                        | 50                                                        | 350                                                                | 640                                              | 740                                                     | 240                                                                 | -----                                |  |
|                      | 2 | 250                         | 5,000                     | 100                      | 2,000                      | 200                                                       | 400                                                                | 2,600                                            | 1,900                                                   | 500                                                                 | 450                                  |  |
|                      | 3 | 414                         | 4,000                     | 225                      | 3,000                      | 250                                                       | 900                                                                | 4,150                                            | 1,450                                                   | 450                                                                 | 240                                  |  |
|                      | 4 | 700                         | 4,000                     | 100                      | 3,000                      | 50                                                        | 490                                                                | 3,540                                            | 1,953                                                   | 600                                                                 | 200                                  |  |
|                      | 5 | 100                         | 2,000                     | -----                    | 1,800                      | 100                                                       | 100                                                                | 2,000                                            | 800                                                     | 400                                                                 | 25                                   |  |
| Lenoir,              | 1 | 750                         | 8,900                     | 250                      | 5,300                      | 465                                                       | 1230                                                               | 6,995                                            | 5,633                                                   | 1,359                                                               | 2,160                                |  |
|                      | 2 | 1000                        | 25,000                    | 600                      | 15,000                     | 1000                                                      | 4000                                                               | 20,000                                           | 8,000                                                   | 2,000                                                               | 3,500                                |  |
| Lincoln,             | 1 | 456                         | 5,000                     | 40                       | 450                        | 175                                                       | 600                                                                | 1,225                                            | 500                                                     | 300                                                                 | 35                                   |  |
|                      | 2 | 713                         | 8,500                     | 350                      | 5,000                      | 200                                                       | 500                                                                | 6,050                                            | 2,800                                                   | 800                                                                 | 200                                  |  |
| McDowell,            | 1 | 400                         | 5,000                     | 75                       | 2,000                      | 150                                                       | 500                                                                | 2,650                                            | 950                                                     | 500                                                                 | 150                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 400                         | 2,000                     | 100                      | 1,500                      | 125                                                       | 150                                                                | 1,775                                            | 700                                                     | 400                                                                 | 40                                   |  |
| Macon,               | 1 | 244                         | 800                       | 45                       | 400                        | 100                                                       | 500                                                                | 1,000                                            | 950                                                     | 600                                                                 | -----                                |  |
| Madison,             | 1 | 356                         | 2,000                     | 75                       | 1,000                      | 150                                                       | 500                                                                | 1,650                                            | 900                                                     | 200                                                                 | 65                                   |  |
|                      | 2 | 125                         | 1,200                     | 40                       | 600                        | 100                                                       | 200                                                                | 900                                              | 700                                                     | 300                                                                 | 25                                   |  |
| Martin,              | 1 | 900                         | -----                     | 150                      | 3,000                      | 100                                                       | 300                                                                | 3,400                                            | 1,500                                                   | 700                                                                 | 300                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 75                          | 1,000                     | 30                       | 500                        | 25                                                        | 150                                                                | 675                                              | 550                                                     | 200                                                                 | -----                                |  |
| Mecklenb'g,          | 1 | 300                         | 8,000                     | 75                       | 1,500                      | 200                                                       | -----                                                              | 1,700                                            | 1,100                                                   | 200                                                                 | 250                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 220                         | 3,000                     | 120                      | 2,000                      | 250                                                       | 1000                                                               | 3,250                                            | 2,000                                                   | 700                                                                 | 300                                  |  |
| Mitchell,            | 1 | 200                         | 1,500                     | 75                       | 1,000                      | 195                                                       | 600                                                                | 1,775                                            | 1,200                                                   | 1,000                                                               | 75                                   |  |
|                      | 2 | 200                         | 3,000                     | 50                       | 1,200                      | 100                                                       | 650                                                                | 1,950                                            | 525                                                     | 325                                                                 | 50                                   |  |
|                      | 3 | 63                          | 800                       | 30                       | 500                        | 50                                                        | 150                                                                | 700                                              | 420                                                     | 300                                                                 | -----                                |  |
| Montg'm'y,           | 1 | 1150                        | 8,000                     | 250                      | 2,500                      | 175                                                       | 600                                                                | 3,275                                            | 1,300                                                   | 600                                                                 | 260                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 550                         | 5,000                     | 275                      | 3,500                      | 200                                                       | 800                                                                | 4,500                                            | 2,800                                                   | 300                                                                 | 1,200                                |  |
| Moore,               | 1 | 156                         | 800                       | 50                       | 600                        | 200                                                       | 200                                                                | 1,050                                            | 800                                                     | 600                                                                 | 10                                   |  |
|                      | 2 | 50                          | 500                       | 20                       | 250                        | 50                                                        | 125                                                                | 425                                              | 150                                                     | 50                                                                  | 30                                   |  |
|                      | 3 | 800                         | 5,000                     | 150                      | 1,500                      | 150                                                       | 475                                                                | 2,125                                            | 850                                                     | 400                                                                 | 200                                  |  |
|                      | 4 | 650                         | 4,000                     | 125                      | 2,000                      | 500                                                       | 300                                                                | 1,000                                            | 1,000                                                   | 300                                                                 | 125                                  |  |
| Nash,                | 1 | 25                          | 200                       | 15                       | 100                        | 25                                                        | 75                                                                 | 200                                              | 200                                                     | -----                                                               | 8                                    |  |
|                      | 2 | 300                         | 3,500                     | 60                       | 1,000                      | 75                                                        | 300                                                                | 1,375                                            | 1,100                                                   | 400                                                                 | 96                                   |  |
| Northpt'n            | 1 | 175                         | 2,000                     | 70                       | 1,000                      | 50                                                        | 250                                                                | 1,300                                            | 900                                                     | 400                                                                 | 150                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 400                         | 3,000                     | 220                      | 2,000                      | 150                                                       | 600                                                                | 2,750                                            | 2,000                                                   | 750                                                                 | 450                                  |  |
| Onslow,              | 1 | 1500                        | 12,000                    | 650                      | 8,000                      | 250                                                       | 900                                                                | 9,150                                            | 3,600                                                   | 2,000                                                               | 200                                  |  |
| Orange,              | 1 | 100                         | 1,500                     | 50                       | 800                        | 50                                                        | 300                                                                | 1,150                                            | 750                                                     | 200                                                                 | 164                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 196                         | 2,000                     | 75                       | 1,000                      | 40                                                        | 325                                                                | 1,365                                            | 900                                                     | 400                                                                 | 200                                  |  |
| Pamlico,             | 1 | 130                         | 6,000                     | 130                      | 5,000                      | 150                                                       | 600                                                                | 5,750                                            | 1,650                                                   | 450                                                                 | 400                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 56                          | 1,500                     | 56                       | 1,500                      | 50                                                        | 300                                                                | 1,850                                            | 950                                                     | 50                                                                  | 9                                    |  |
|                      | 3 | 150                         | 2,000                     | 52                       | 1,500                      | 100                                                       | 100                                                                | 1,700                                            | 700                                                     | 400                                                                 | 100                                  |  |
|                      | 4 | 150                         | 4,500                     | 100                      | 4,000                      | 200                                                       | 500                                                                | 4,700                                            | 1,650                                                   | 200                                                                 | 250                                  |  |



## STATISTICS.—CONTINUED.

| OF FARM.                                                      |                              |                                                                   |                                                                           |                |                                            |                                       |                                                                 |                                                                             |                                                                           |                                                                 |                                                               |                                                         |                                                      |                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Estimated wages of family working on farm and not paid wages. | Amount paid for fertilizers. | Am't paid for other supplies used in farm and not raised on same. | Interest on value of property used in farming operations at six per cent. | Total expense. | Net value in excess of cost of production. | Excess of cost over value of product. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year by person reporting. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year in township of person reporting. | Per cent. of average crop raised this year in county of person reporting. | Average value of land per acre in township of person reporting. | Average value of land per acre in county of person reporting. | Number in family of person reporting supported on farm. | Number in family who work on farm in field or house. | Number in family who live on farm and are non-producers. |
| \$350                                                         | \$ 64                        | \$ 60                                                             | 238                                                                       | \$ 1094        | \$                                         | \$212                                 | 65                                                              | 65                                                                          | 70                                                                        | \$ 6                                                            | 6                                                             | 13                                                      | 9                                                    | 4                                                        |
| 240                                                           | 140                          | 150                                                               | 384                                                                       | 4214           | 386                                        |                                       | 75                                                              | 60                                                                          | 65                                                                        | 7 50                                                            | 8                                                             | 4                                                       | 4                                                    |                                                          |
| 360                                                           |                              | 60                                                                | 38                                                                        | 698            | 42                                         |                                       | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 80                                                                        | 10                                                              | 12                                                            | 10                                                      | 6                                                    | 4                                                        |
| 240                                                           | 9                            | 100                                                               | 156                                                                       | 1455           | 445                                        |                                       | 85                                                              | 80                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 15                                                              | 12                                                            | 7                                                       | 4                                                    | 3                                                        |
| 300                                                           | 50                           | 200                                                               | 249                                                                       | 1489           |                                            | 39                                    | 65                                                              | 65                                                                          | 65                                                                        | 10                                                              | 5                                                             | 7                                                       | 5                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 400                                                           | 20                           |                                                                   | 210                                                                       | 1430           | 523                                        |                                       | 85                                                              | 85                                                                          | 85                                                                        | 4                                                               | 4                                                             |                                                         |                                                      |                                                          |
| 300                                                           |                              | 80                                                                | 120                                                                       | 925            |                                            | 125                                   | 75                                                              | 70                                                                          | 65                                                                        | 4                                                               | 75                                                            | 7                                                       | 5                                                    | 2                                                        |
|                                                               | 215                          | 420                                                               | 420                                                                       | 4574           | 1059                                       |                                       | 85                                                              | 80                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 8                                                               | 5                                                             |                                                         |                                                      |                                                          |
|                                                               | 1000                         | 500                                                               | 1200                                                                      | 8200           |                                            | 200                                   | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 10                                                              | 8                                                             |                                                         |                                                      |                                                          |
| 120                                                           | 11                           | 23                                                                | 72                                                                        | 621            |                                            | 121                                   | 85                                                              | 80                                                                          | 90                                                                        | 10                                                              | 9                                                             | 5                                                       | 3                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 120                                                           | 100                          | 150                                                               | 363                                                                       | 1733           | 1067                                       |                                       | 80                                                              | 80                                                                          | 80                                                                        | 8                                                               | 8                                                             | 10                                                      | 2                                                    | 8                                                        |
| 180                                                           |                              | 100                                                               | 159                                                                       | 1089           |                                            | 139                                   | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 6                                                               | 6                                                             | 4                                                       | 3                                                    | 1                                                        |
| 300                                                           |                              | 20                                                                | 106                                                                       | 866            |                                            | 166                                   | 60                                                              | 50                                                                          | 50                                                                        | 3                                                               | 3                                                             | 12                                                      | 5                                                    | 7                                                        |
| 180                                                           |                              | 15                                                                | 60                                                                        | 855            | 95                                         |                                       | 90                                                              | 80                                                                          | 85                                                                        | 3                                                               | 5                                                             | 4                                                       | 3                                                    | 1                                                        |
| 360                                                           | 20                           | 70                                                                | 99                                                                        | 814            | 86                                         |                                       | 95                                                              | 90                                                                          | 85                                                                        | 15                                                              | 12                                                            | 9                                                       | 6                                                    | 3                                                        |
| 240                                                           |                              | 75                                                                | 54                                                                        | 694            | 6                                          |                                       | 85                                                              | 80                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 10                                                              | 10                                                            | 6                                                       | 4                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 200                                                           | 100                          | 200                                                               | 204                                                                       | 1704           |                                            | 204                                   | 70                                                              | 65                                                                          | 65                                                                        | 10                                                              | 6                                                             | 5                                                       | 2                                                    | 3                                                        |
| 180                                                           | 10                           | 75                                                                | 40                                                                        | 505            | 45                                         |                                       | 66                                                              | 66                                                                          | 66                                                                        | 12                                                              | 5                                                             | 4                                                       | 3                                                    | 1                                                        |
| 275                                                           | 160                          | 300                                                               | 102                                                                       | 1287           |                                            | 187                                   | 45                                                              | 45                                                                          | 50                                                                        | 9                                                               | 8                                                             | 4                                                       |                                                      |                                                          |
| 180                                                           | 55                           | 100                                                               | 195                                                                       | 1530           | 470                                        |                                       | 50                                                              | 50                                                                          | 45                                                                        | 10                                                              | 10                                                            | 4                                                       | 3                                                    | 1                                                        |
| 300                                                           |                              | 25                                                                | 106                                                                       | 1506           |                                            | 306                                   | 65                                                              | 65                                                                          | 65                                                                        | 3                                                               | 2                                                             | 9                                                       | 5                                                    | 4                                                        |
| 150                                                           |                              | 25                                                                | 117                                                                       | 667            |                                            | 142                                   | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 70                                                                        | 6                                                               | 5                                                             | 7                                                       | 4                                                    | 3                                                        |
| 200                                                           |                              | 21                                                                | 42                                                                        | 563            |                                            | 143                                   | 80                                                              | 80                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 6                                                               | 6                                                             | 14                                                      | 9                                                    | 5                                                        |
| 120                                                           | 113                          |                                                                   | 195                                                                       | 1288           | 12                                         |                                       | 75                                                              | 50                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 8                                                               | 5                                                             | 4                                                       | 2                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 120                                                           | 250                          | 800                                                               | 270                                                                       | 2940           |                                            | 140                                   | 66                                                              | 66                                                                          | 66                                                                        | 5                                                               | 3                                                             | 4                                                       | 2                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 240                                                           | 28                           | 15                                                                | 63                                                                        | 956            |                                            | 156                                   | 60                                                              | 60                                                                          | 50                                                                        | 3                                                               | 2                                                             | 6                                                       | 4                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 100                                                           | 15                           | 60                                                                | 24                                                                        | 279            |                                            | 129                                   | 50                                                              | 60                                                                          | 65                                                                        | 5                                                               | 5                                                             | 4                                                       | 1                                                    | 3                                                        |
| 240                                                           | 31                           | 75                                                                | 126                                                                       | 1072           |                                            | 222                                   | 50                                                              | 55                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 4                                                               | 4                                                             | 9                                                       | 4                                                    | 5                                                        |
| 300                                                           | 165                          | 40                                                                | 60                                                                        | 990            | 10                                         |                                       | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 3                                                               | 3                                                             | 6                                                       | 5                                                    | 1                                                        |
| 186                                                           |                              |                                                                   | 12                                                                        | 198            | 2                                          |                                       | 60                                                              | 60                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 10                                                              | 10                                                            | 4                                                       | 3                                                    | 1                                                        |
| 300                                                           | 81                           | 60                                                                | 80                                                                        | 1017           | 83                                         |                                       | 67                                                              | 60                                                                          | 50                                                                        | 10                                                              | 7                                                             | 8                                                       | 5                                                    | 3                                                        |
| 180                                                           | 100                          | 200                                                               | 78                                                                        | 1108           |                                            | 208                                   | 67                                                              | 67                                                                          | 67                                                                        | 12                                                              | 7                                                             | 5                                                       | 3                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 300                                                           | 200                          | 150                                                               | 165                                                                       | 2015           |                                            | 15                                    | 75                                                              | 75                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 8                                                               | 5                                                             | 6                                                       | 5                                                    | 1                                                        |
| 400                                                           |                              | 100                                                               | 549                                                                       | 3249           | 351                                        |                                       | 80                                                              | 70                                                                          | 60                                                                        | 10                                                              | 2                                                             |                                                         |                                                      |                                                          |
| 100                                                           | 60                           | 40                                                                | 69                                                                        | 633            | 117                                        |                                       | 75                                                              | 70                                                                          | 67                                                                        | 10                                                              | 10                                                            | 4                                                       | 2                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 180                                                           | 75                           | 75                                                                | 81                                                                        | 1011           |                                            | 111                                   | 70                                                              | 75                                                                          | 70                                                                        | 8                                                               | 7                                                             | 6                                                       | 3                                                    | 3                                                        |
| 300                                                           | 3                            | 90                                                                | 345                                                                       | 1588           | 62                                         |                                       | 70                                                              | 70                                                                          | 65                                                                        | 5                                                               | 3                                                             | 9                                                       | 5                                                    | 4                                                        |
| 300                                                           |                              |                                                                   | 110                                                                       | 469            | 481                                        |                                       | 95                                                              | 75                                                                          | 75                                                                        | 7                                                               | 7                                                             | 5                                                       | 5                                                    |                                                          |
| 120                                                           | 30                           | 35                                                                | 102                                                                       | 787            |                                            | 87                                    | 100                                                             | 90                                                                          | 90                                                                        | 20                                                              | 10                                                            | 4                                                       | 2                                                    | 2                                                        |
| 240                                                           | 125                          | 50                                                                | 282                                                                       | 1147           | 503                                        |                                       | 70                                                              | 60                                                                          | 70                                                                        | 12                                                              | 10                                                            | 7                                                       | 4                                                    | 3                                                        |

TABLE No. 5.—AGRICULTURAL

| RETURNS BY COUNTIES. |   | Whole number acres in farm. | Value of acres in farm. | PROPERTY USED IN FARMING. |                            |                                                           |                                                                    |                                                  |                                                         | Value of product of farm for the year, including that used and sold. | EXPENSE                              |  |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|                      |   |                             |                         | Number acres cultivated.  | Value of acres cultivated. | Value of farming implements, vehicles, &c., used on farm. | Value horses, cows, hogs and other personal property used on farm. | Total value property used in farming operations. | Value of product raised on farm and consumed past year. |                                                                      | Amount paid in wages for hired help. |  |
|                      |   |                             |                         |                           |                            |                                                           |                                                                    |                                                  |                                                         |                                                                      |                                      |  |
| Pasqu'tank           | 1 | 800                         | 12,000                  | 350                       | \$ 7,000                   | \$500                                                     | 2000                                                               | \$ 9,500                                         | \$ 1,450                                                | \$ 400                                                               | \$ 550                               |  |
|                      | 2 | 90                          | 1,500                   | 60                        | 1,000                      | 50                                                        | 175                                                                | 1,225                                            | 600                                                     | 300                                                                  | 40                                   |  |
| Pender,              | 1 | 25                          | 900                     | 25                        | 600                        | 35                                                        | 50                                                                 | 685                                              | 360                                                     | 185                                                                  | -----                                |  |
|                      | 2 | 60                          | 500                     | 25                        | 225                        | 122                                                       | 285                                                                | 632                                              | 475                                                     | 225                                                                  | 210                                  |  |
| Perquim'ns           | 1 | 40                          | 400                     | 22                        | 250                        | 150                                                       | 125                                                                | 525                                              | 563                                                     | 188                                                                  | -----                                |  |
|                      | 2 | 260                         | 3,000                   | 80                        | 1,200                      | 75                                                        | 250                                                                | 1,525                                            | 800                                                     | 250                                                                  | 120                                  |  |
| Person,              | 1 | 530                         | 4,000                   | 125                       | -----                      | 300                                                       | 600                                                                | 900                                              | 800                                                     | 500                                                                  | 90                                   |  |
|                      | 2 | 330                         | 2,000                   | 50                        | 500                        | 250                                                       | 500                                                                | 1,250                                            | 300                                                     | -----                                                                | 100                                  |  |
|                      | 3 | 40                          | 600                     | 25                        | 400                        | 50                                                        | 200                                                                | 650                                              | 300                                                     | 150                                                                  | 110                                  |  |
| Pitt,                | 1 | 875                         | 7,000                   | 275                       | 3,000                      | 125                                                       | 500                                                                | 3,625                                            | 1,800                                                   | 700                                                                  | 600                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 750                         | 8,000                   | 210                       | 5,000                      | 300                                                       | 500                                                                | 5,800                                            | -----                                                   | -----                                                                | 300                                  |  |
|                      | 3 | 412                         | 6,000                   | 280                       | 4,000                      | 500                                                       | 925                                                                | 5,425                                            | 2,150                                                   | 400                                                                  | 1,350                                |  |
|                      | 4 | 3000                        | 40,000                  | 900                       | 30,000                     | 1000                                                      | 4500                                                               | 35,500                                           | 21,000                                                  | 10,500                                                               | 5,000                                |  |
| Polk,                | 5 | 500                         | 3,000                   | 60                        | 1,500                      | 60                                                        | 500                                                                | 2,060                                            | 1,100                                                   | 600                                                                  | 100                                  |  |
|                      | 1 | 200                         | 1,500                   | 30                        | 300                        | -----                                                     | 200                                                                | 500                                              | 450                                                     | 350                                                                  | -----                                |  |
|                      | 2 | 800                         | 10,000                  | 100                       | 1,000                      | 300                                                       | 300                                                                | 1,600                                            | 1,500                                                   | 300                                                                  | 360                                  |  |
| Randolph,            | 1 | 551                         | 2,400                   | 50                        | 700                        | 100                                                       | 450                                                                | 1,250                                            | 800                                                     | 500                                                                  | 26                                   |  |
|                      | 2 | 640                         | 3,500                   | 55                        | 1,000                      | 200                                                       | 265                                                                | 1,465                                            | 1,055                                                   | 310                                                                  | 60                                   |  |
|                      | 3 | 350                         | 3,000                   | 75                        | 1,500                      | 125                                                       | 350                                                                | 1,975                                            | 700                                                     | 300                                                                  | 25                                   |  |
| Richmond,            | 1 | 18                          | 240                     | 12                        | 200                        | 40                                                        | 130                                                                | 370                                              | 240                                                     | 104                                                                  | 9                                    |  |
|                      | 2 | 750                         | 3,000                   | 160                       | 1,280                      | 125                                                       | 405                                                                | 1,810                                            | 1,435                                                   | 420                                                                  | 250                                  |  |
| Robeson,             | 1 | 875                         | 2,500                   | 125                       | 1,000                      | 250                                                       | 250                                                                | 1,500                                            | 800                                                     | 300                                                                  | 160                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 100                         | 1,000                   | 40                        | 600                        | 40                                                        | 125                                                                | 765                                              | 400                                                     | 150                                                                  | 10                                   |  |
| Rock'gh'm,           | 1 | 412                         | 4,000                   | 175                       | 2,000                      | 300                                                       | 500                                                                | 2,800                                            | 1,500                                                   | 1,000                                                                | -----                                |  |
|                      | 2 | 1000                        | 6,000                   | 185                       | 1,850                      | 175                                                       | 6000                                                               | 8,025                                            | 2,110                                                   | 810                                                                  | 275                                  |  |
|                      | 3 | 370                         | 4,000                   | 100                       | 1,000                      | 200                                                       | 500                                                                | 1,700                                            | 550                                                     | 500                                                                  | 100                                  |  |
|                      | 4 | 340                         | 3,500                   | 100                       | 1,500                      | 150                                                       | 400                                                                | 2,050                                            | 700                                                     | 400                                                                  | 170                                  |  |
| Rowan,               | 1 | 110                         | 1,100                   | 60                        | 810                        | 60                                                        | 180                                                                | 1,080                                            | 260                                                     | 120                                                                  | 25                                   |  |
|                      | 2 | 230                         | 2,500                   | 120                       | 1,500                      | 100                                                       | 300                                                                | 1,800                                            | 1,100                                                   | 400                                                                  | 150                                  |  |
| Ruth'rford,          | 1 | 145                         | 2,500                   | 70                        | 1,400                      | 50                                                        | 200                                                                | 1,650                                            | 900                                                     | 300                                                                  | 150                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 300                         | 3,000                   | 75                        | 1,000                      | 50                                                        | 75                                                                 | 1,125                                            | 450                                                     | 150                                                                  | 50                                   |  |
|                      | 3 | 470                         | 3,000                   | 55                        | 600                        | 100                                                       | 225                                                                | 925                                              | 590                                                     | 270                                                                  | 25                                   |  |
| Sampson,             | 1 | 500                         | 6,000                   | 40                        | 2,500                      | 25                                                        | 200                                                                | 2,725                                            | 700                                                     | 400                                                                  | -----                                |  |
|                      | 2 | 120                         | 860                     | -----                     | 600                        | 40                                                        | 100                                                                | 740                                              | 900                                                     | 420                                                                  | 50                                   |  |
|                      | 3 | 120                         | 2,000                   | 75                        | 1,000                      | 150                                                       | 500                                                                | 1,650                                            | 950                                                     | 500                                                                  | 50                                   |  |
| Stanly,              | 1 | 1000                        | 8,000                   | 100                       | 2,000                      | 1000                                                      | 2000                                                               | 5,000                                            | 2,500                                                   | 1,000                                                                | 300                                  |  |
|                      | 2 | 250                         | 2,000                   | 90                        | 700                        | 150                                                       | 305                                                                | 1,155                                            | 1,470                                                   | 450                                                                  | -----                                |  |
|                      | 3 | 800                         | 10,000                  | 50                        | 250                        | 150                                                       | 500                                                                | 900                                              | 700                                                     | 600                                                                  | 90                                   |  |
| Stokes,              | 1 | 100                         | 800                     | 45                        | 675                        | 100                                                       | 200                                                                | 975                                              | 450                                                     | 250                                                                  | -----                                |  |
|                      | 2 | 560                         | 5,000                   | 250                       | 3,000                      | 150                                                       | 300                                                                | 3,450                                            | 950                                                     | 200                                                                  | 440                                  |  |





TABLE No. 5.—AGRICULTURAL

| RETURNS BY COUNTIES. |   |      | Whole number acres in farm. | Value of acres in farm. | PROPERTY USED IN FARMING. |                            |                                                           |                                                                    |                                                  |                                                         | Value of product of farm for the year, including that used or sold. | EXPENSE                              |  |
|----------------------|---|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|                      |   |      |                             |                         | Number acres cultivated.  | Value of acres cultivated. | Value of farming implements, vehicles, &c., used on farm. | Value horses, cows, hogs and other personal property used on farm. | Total value property used in farming operations. | Value of product raised on farm and consumed past year. |                                                                     | Amount paid in wages for hired help. |  |
| Surry,               | 1 | 100  | \$ 3,000                    | 30                      | \$ 1,500                  | \$200                      | \$300                                                     | \$ 2,000                                                           | \$ 450                                           | \$ 150                                                  | \$ 50                                                               |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 240  | 3,500                       | 80                      | 2,000                     | 75                         | 225                                                       | 2,300                                                              | 1,100                                            | 600                                                     | 100                                                                 |                                      |  |
| Swain,               | 1 | 300  | 1,800                       | 75                      | 1,200                     | 150                        | 600                                                       | 1,950                                                              | 1,100                                            | 650                                                     | 125                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 800  | 3,500                       | 150                     | 2,800                     | 250                        | 1300                                                      | 4,350                                                              | 950                                              | 600                                                     | 150                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 3 | 400  | 2,500                       | 75                      | 2,000                     | 150                        | 350                                                       | 2,500                                                              | 560                                              | 300                                                     | 160                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 4 | 97   | 600                         | 30                      | 250                       | 20                         | 250                                                       | 520                                                                | 850                                              | 150                                                     | -----                                                               |                                      |  |
|                      | 5 | 100  | 600                         | 25                      | 200                       | 75                         | 306                                                       | 581                                                                | 300                                              | 200                                                     | 25                                                                  |                                      |  |
|                      | 6 | 800  | 4,000                       | 75                      | 3,000                     | 100                        | 100                                                       | 3,200                                                              | 480                                              | 400                                                     | 50                                                                  |                                      |  |
| Tra'syl'a'ia         | 1 | 200  | 5,000                       | 100                     | 4,500                     | 250                        | 500                                                       | 5,250                                                              | 1,100                                            | 350                                                     | 100                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 900  | 25,000                      | 300                     | 18,000                    | 700                        | 1800                                                      | 20,500                                                             | 3,800                                            | 2,000                                                   | 1,000                                                               |                                      |  |
| Tyrrell,             | 1 | 1500 | 20,000                      | 100                     | 1,500                     | 200                        | 150                                                       | 1,850                                                              | 800                                              | 500                                                     | 300                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 200  | 2,000                       | 30                      | 1,750                     | 50                         | 175                                                       | 975                                                                | 475                                              | 200                                                     | 60                                                                  |                                      |  |
| Union,               | 1 | 1066 | 6,000                       | 250                     | 3,000                     | 225                        | 900                                                       | 4,125                                                              | 6,800                                            | 3,300                                                   | 500                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 90   | 900                         | 40                      | 500                       | 50                         | 200                                                       | 750                                                                | 600                                              | 275                                                     | 100                                                                 |                                      |  |
| Vance,               | 1 | 100  | 1,800                       | 50                      | 1,200                     | 75                         | 300                                                       | 1,575                                                              | 1,150                                            | 250                                                     | 200                                                                 |                                      |  |
| Wake,                | 1 | 375  | 3,000                       | 75                      | 1,500                     | 125                        | 350                                                       | 1,975                                                              | 1,175                                            | 375                                                     | 160                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 103  | 1,250                       | 60                      | 1,000                     | 200                        | 350                                                       | 1,550                                                              | 1,075                                            | 275                                                     | 350                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 3 | 220  | 3,500                       | 46                      | 500                       | 125                        | 150                                                       | 775                                                                | 675                                              | 100                                                     | 120                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 4 | 110  | 1,650                       | 70                      | 1,120                     | 50                         | 160                                                       | 1,330                                                              | 975                                              | 225                                                     | 30                                                                  |                                      |  |
|                      | 5 | 93   | 1,200                       | 50                      | 800                       | 50                         | 150                                                       | 1,000                                                              | 400                                              | 100                                                     | 100                                                                 |                                      |  |
| Warren,              | 1 | 836  | 8,500                       | 200                     | 5,000                     | 200                        | 1000                                                      | 1,250                                                              | 4,000                                            | 800                                                     | 600                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 175  | 1,750                       | 75                      | 1,000                     | 75                         | 300                                                       | 1,375                                                              | 750                                              | 250                                                     | 40                                                                  |                                      |  |
| Wash'g'n,            | 1 | 20   | 300                         | 40                      | 400                       | 75                         | 160                                                       | 635                                                                | 370                                              | 170                                                     | 25                                                                  |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 1125 | 5,000                       | 125                     | 2,500                     | 300                        | 300                                                       | 3,100                                                              | 1,200                                            | 600                                                     | -----                                                               |                                      |  |
| Watauga,             | 1 | 60   | 2,000                       | 50                      | 1,500                     | 150                        | 300                                                       | 1,950                                                              | 415                                              | 215                                                     | 10                                                                  |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 50   | 500                         | 15                      | 250                       | 100                        | 300                                                       | 650                                                                | 350                                              | 200                                                     | 96                                                                  |                                      |  |
|                      | 3 | 210  | 2,500                       | 75                      | 700                       | 100                        | 335                                                       | 1,135                                                              | 600                                              | 400                                                     | 285                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 4 | 1500 | 25,000                      | 300                     | 20,000                    | 500                        | 2600                                                      | 23,100                                                             | 2,400                                            | 1,200                                                   | 480                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 5 | 1000 | 7,000                       | 350                     | 5,000                     | 500                        | 1200                                                      | 6,700                                                              | 1,200                                            | 1,000                                                   | 150                                                                 |                                      |  |
| Wayne,               | 1 | 240  | 4,800                       | 122                     | 2,400                     | 300                        | 850                                                       | 3,550                                                              | 2,650                                            | 1,100                                                   | 1,100                                                               |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 110  | 1,500                       | 60                      | 750                       | 75                         | 300                                                       | 1,125                                                              | 900                                              | 750                                                     | 30                                                                  |                                      |  |
| Wilkes,              | 1 | 95   | 300                         | 35                      | 130                       | 40                         | 100                                                       | 270                                                                | 190                                              | 100                                                     | 70                                                                  |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 254  | 4,000                       | 225                     | 3,500                     | 400                        | 600                                                       | 4,500                                                              | 1,450                                            | 600                                                     | 100                                                                 |                                      |  |
| Wilson,              | 1 | 487  | 7,500                       | 150                     | 3,000                     | 200                        | 1500                                                      | 4,700                                                              | 3,975                                            | 1,200                                                   | 820                                                                 |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 270  | 3,000                       | 100                     | 1,800                     | 250                        | 350                                                       | 2,400                                                              | 1,100                                            | 400                                                     | 150                                                                 |                                      |  |
| Yadkin,              | 1 | 177  | 3,000                       | 125                     | 2,500                     | 75                         | 175                                                       | 2,750                                                              | 750                                              | 500                                                     | -----                                                               |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 872  | 10,000                      | 275                     | 7,000                     | 250                        | 1000                                                      | 8,250                                                              | 1,500                                            | 750                                                     | 100                                                                 |                                      |  |
| Yancey,              | 1 | 100  | 2,000                       | 50                      | 1,500                     | 15                         | 250                                                       | 1,765                                                              | 597                                              | 272                                                     | -----                                                               |                                      |  |
|                      | 2 | 320  | 4,000                       | 120                     | 2,000                     | 75                         | 350                                                       | 2,425                                                              | 1,000                                            | 400                                                     | 60                                                                  |                                      |  |





## ALAMANCE.

H. M. C. S.—I hire no labor. We had a long drouth, and our crops are very short in consequence of dry weather in summer, and then damaged by heavy rains in September.

The value given of the lands of the township and county is the tax valuation. I am running a small farm with my own family, and at the same time schooling my children. They go to school about four months in the year. From the report, you see, I keep but a small stock of horses and cattle.

I think the per cent. of crops given is about correct.

J. G. D.—The land in this township is poor, but well adapted to the growth of fine tobacco. We were favored with frequent showers of rain the past summer, and our crops here are a little better than the average for the county. Tobacco is our money crop, and as that is very poor, I think we shall have a hard time meeting our expenses for another year. Farm laborers are receiving about one hundred dollars per year, ten dollars per month, fifty cents to one dollar per day for day hands. The farms in this section are generally run by tenants. The educational and moral condition of our people has improved.

W. J. S.—I have tried to give as correct answers to your questions as I could approximate, and think I have succeeded fairly well. The farming interest in this section of the State is at a very low ebb, from a combination of circumstances, some of which are, of course, unavoidable, while others might be remedied. We cannot control the seasons, which is very proper, but there are many things connected with agriculture in which we might improve. As I suggested to you in a short communication in the early spring, the farmers could work more, practice more frugality, by way of husbanding the resources by home-made fertilizers and otherwise manage their farms and farm business according to the rules of science and sound discretion.

We all have made a poor botch of farming in this section this year. I have been raised on a farm, and have always lived on a farm, until I am fifty-four years old, and do not remember of ever witnessing so disastrous a year as this has been to the farming interest, taking it all in all.

Suppose we all agree to go for tariff reform, and get our commerce reinstated, so that the surplus products of the farms of this vast country may be exported and sold in the best markets of the world. I think that will give to farming a new impetus, and revive the good times farmers and everybody else had prior to 1860.

## ALEXANDER.

W. L.—The land of this township and most of the county is mountainous and broken. The farming value is therefore low. Crops in this county were fair this year, about eighty per cent. of an average crop. In this country we do not make much of a money crop, pay more attention to home supplies, and although we do not sell much, we make out to meet expenses; we do not hire much and buy very little fertilizers. We ought to make more compost and use it liberally instead of spending our money for commercial fertilizers, we could then spend our money in making much needed improvements at home.



## ALLEGHANY.

T. J. C., Jr.—I will say by way of explanation, that the figures given convey a very poor idea of the workings of a farm in this county. Our whole attention is devoted to stock raising. We raise nothing to sell but horses, cattle and sheep. Some among us, of course, raise a surplus of grain, while others have a surplus of grass and hay; but these are exchanged here, none of either going out of, or coming into our county, unless under extraordinary circumstances.

The number of acres under cultivation does not include either pasture or meadow land, but only that sown in grain.

J. H. D.—The crops in this county this year are about an average, corn, perhaps, more than an average, while hay is not quite so good, being damaged some by the continued wet weather this fall. Live stock is in finer condition than usual and is selling at remunerative prices. Money is more plentiful than at any time since 1883.

## ANSON.

I. W. T.—Crops are badly cut off on account of drought and so much rain in September. Crops in this section will not average more than sixty per cent. However, farmers are in good spirits and seem to be more determined to make a greater effort for another year, and are going to farm on a different plan, that of diversifying their crops. I think that is the only way the farmers in this county can be successful.

## ASHE.

J. D. C.—Ashe county is not a grain growing county specially, but the crop of rye is so large in the county this year that it is difficult to get it threshed out in time. We need more threshing machines in the county. The lands of this county are well adapted to the growth of buckwheat, rye and all the grasses. The seasons here are too short for wheat.

## BLADEN.

D. W. T.—The weather has been against us this year. August rains destroyed about all the August forms and young bolls on the cotton, and I therefore think the crop in this county will not be over three-fourths of a full crop.

## BRUNSWICK.

W. L. H.—The corn crop in this section is much better than it has been in a good many years. The potato crop is good and the peanut crop very good, but neither so good as last year, owing to dry weather during the fall. Rice, I think, is short, the crops being injured by the early spring freshets. There is but little cotton planted in this section. The farmers, I think, are very well pleased with the prospects of crops this year.

T. M. W.—The difference in the percentages of crops in my township and county is owing to rice and cotton. There are only two rice plantations in my township, and very little cotton raised in the township; but there are other portions of the county that raise considerable quantities of rice and cotton. Sweet potatoes—one of the principal crops of our county—in many places, is nearly a failure.

Corn is also very poor. The turnips are poor, owing to the late heavy rains. You will see from my report of last year and this, that there is considerable difference.

Last year I worked several tenants; they did well in the first of the season, but made a failure from two causes—indolence and heavy rains. I then determined to let my land lie for the present and work what I could within myself. It will not pay to hire farm labor here; our people, as a whole, know nothing about farming; they are disposed to fly on and off. I will give you a small description of our county: Bounded on the east by Cape Fear River, on the south by the Atlantic Ocean, on the west by South Carolina, and on the north, we will say, by a railroad leading out of Wilmington; is about forty miles square. Now, commence at the center, and the nearer you go to either one of these lines the higher you will pay for land. A great portion of the center of the county is a barren waste, only fit for the grazing of stock. The lower township is the finest potato land in the State, without any doubt. The upland rice grows equally as well on the same land. I will give you any information about my county that I can, with pleasure.

P. S. H.—Our crops have been cut short here by the late start we made and the trouble in getting a stand after we planted. The spring was cold and wet, and later on it was very dry, and altogether the seasons have been very unfavorable for farming this year. Still our farmers are hopeful and in a fairly good condition.

E. W. T.—I cultivate seventy-five acres with hired labor altogether, and give it less than half of my own time, still I will make a profit of about four hundred dollars on the crop this year, which I consider good for this year, when our crops did not run much over three-fourths of an average crop. Some farmers do better than this, others not so well.

J. W. K.—Our corn crop in this section of country is good; cotton very sorry; sweet potatoes good.

#### BUNCOMBE.

J. E. W.—In this county, a full crop was made, but corn was badly damaged by storms, &c., before being housed; tobacco damaged at least one-third by frost.

#### BURKE.

W. McD.—Up to ten days ago, there was supposed to be nearly a full corn crop. Some say that high water has damaged it one-third, but I think the damage is a great deal less than that. The statement you have asked for is not accurate in some respects. For instance, you ask me to give you, as near as I can, the value of products used or sold from the plantation this year. The figures I give cover my hay, corn and wheat as a surplus, after living and supporting my family, paying hands, &c. Certainly, my taxes come out of the sum mentioned, and any other expense connected with my farm. Such things as potatoes and tobacco in leaf, butter, eggs and chickens, I did not put an estimate upon, but might add \$300 in sales. I have given everything at an economical rate.



CABARRUS.

J. E. M.—In this township (No. 7) the condition of the farmers is not so bad as in many places, although our crops were cut short at least one-fourth. There were not much fertilizers bought and no crop mortgages in this township this year.

H. T. J. L.—The valuation of land is affected by the location, and not so much by its intrinsic worth, and I suppose that is the case everywhere.

CAMDEN.

F. N. M.—The present year has been a very unpropitious one for our farmers. The seasons have been very unfavorable. First very wet until April, then exceedingly dry until September; and since then very wet. The cotton and corn crops have been injured at least twenty-five per cent. Our truck crops were short from twenty-five to fifty per cent., and we consider we have made only about two-thirds of a crop. We think we have only brought both ends together; if we have paid expenses, it is only a bare possibility—our expenses will require all the profits, if not more, and we find ourselves where we were twelve months ago. Most of our farmers have made their pork and bread, and thereby a large source of expense is saved; many have both corn and pork to sell, and have only to pay for hired labor and family groceries. We are generally a frugal people, and always endeavor to keep our outlays within our incomes. But 1888 is rather an unfavorable year; more so than several of the preceding ones.

CASWELL.

J. A. P.—The crops in this county are very short—not over half an average crop. This has been an unusually bad year for farming. First, too much rain, drowning out corn, &c., on low lands, then we had a severe drought, followed by damaging freshets, which destroyed much of the corn that the drought had not ruined. Then came the early frost (Sept. 30th), catching about two-thirds of the tobacco crop in the field, half of which was killed outright. The balance was cut green and hurried into the barn before it was ready, and was greatly damaged by premature handling.

CHATHAM.

J. J. A.—I carry on a small farm, only worked by carriage horses, and most of my land is worked by tenants. This year has been an exception, and I cannot report a yield that approximates an average. The want of rain (twelve weeks without any rain), and then freshets ruined this crop. So I do not think you can approximate the truth on this basis. In my own township, which has fared better than most of the county, there is not more than half a crop of anything except cotton. What the poorer class of people in this county are to do for bread, is a serious question.

J. A. H.—After a mature deliberation, I will try to answer your request, and at the same time I am sorry to make the report. In the first place, we, in Chatham County, (I take the county as a whole) will not make five bushels of corn to the acre; yea, verily, I do not believe that many hundred acres will make one bushel to the acre; yea, more than that, I went down to the Gulf a few days ago, which

is twelve miles, and I will give it as my candid opinion, in sight of railroad there would not be five bushels of corn made, as a whole, the whole distance of twelve miles, and a gentleman, living near Gulf, said, corroborating my statement, that, using his language, "there would not be a seed made!" It was the most distressing sight I ever witnessed; and furthermore, I do not believe there will be two bags of cotton made in sight of railroad from Gulf to Ore Hill, where there are hundreds of acres in view of railroad. These statements may seem extravagant, but nevertheless true.

I think this is the most unpropitious year for North Carolina to make a report that has happened in ten years (through the middle section). The wet weather in the spring, the drouth in the summer and the freshets in the fall have cut off all crops fully one half.

As to the value of land, I would answer, near station on railroad, land could not be bought for less than ten to fifteen dollars per acre; land or lots near station will bring from twenty-five to one hundred dollars per acre and even more, owing to location.

I live near Mount Vernon Springs. The proprietors of the spring have sold a number of acres near the spring for fifty dollars per acre. My lands adjoin the spring lots of land. I have one hundred and seventy-three acres which I hold at twenty-five dollars—would like to sell; I have another tract near by of one hundred and thirty-six acres woodland, which I hold at ten dollars per acre—would sell at a bargain. I have endeavored to answer all questions.

#### CHEROKEE.

J. A. K.—The greatest trouble, in my opinion, is that there is too much land in my township owned by non-residents, and no encouragement given to tenants in the way of improvements—they get nothing for improvement, and hence the land is not improved.

#### COLUMBUS.

E. W. W.—There is undoubtedly an improvement in agriculture in our county. This year, however, has been a peculiar one in regard to farmers. Various causes have cut off the crops one-third—first the drought, and then, in September, an excessive amount of rain. Climatic changes have had an unfavorable effect, taken altogether, upon our crops, but I am glad to report that I think we are as well off, if not better than last year. Our people have bought less and hence their store accounts are not so large.

D. C.—Owing to the damage to all crops by recent rains in this portion of the State, there can be no definite calculation made—particularly cotton, peas and low land corn are fully damaged one half, both in quantity and prices.

W. H. S.—I have endeavored to answer your questions as correctly as possible, under the circumstances. It has been one among the worst falls to save a crop I have seen for the past five years. Thus far, I have only saved two-thirds of my cotton and a very little corn and peas. I lost half of my fodder. We had a wet spring, a dry summer and a wet fall. The farmers in this section are certainly in hard luck just now, having bought fertilizers and supplies on crop mortgages, which are now due, with cotton only worth  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $2\frac{3}{4}$  cents in the seed. Poverty



and ruin are staring most of the farmers in the face. Merchants and guano agents charge from fifteen to two hundred per cent. for advances and fertilizers. I was forced to buy supplies for three months on six months' time, and had to pay twenty-five per cent. We need cheaper living for our farmers to enable them to do away with this time price system, which brings disaster and ruin upon so many of the farmers. If our farmers could obtain money and supplies at six or eight per cent., with which to run their farms, they could succeed much better than at present. Extortion and oppression seem to be the cry of the farmers, who are the worst imposed upon of any people. A high war tariff, placed upon the necessities of life, is one of the crying evils of the present day. A spirit of despondency seems to reign in the minds of the people throughout the length of the land.

CUMBERLAND.

L. L. W.—If our farmers would plant more rye and fatten their own bacon they would be better off. It would improve their land by rotating the crops—first plant corn, then rye after corn, and cotton after rye, they would make better crops by doing so; and if they would plant them a good mulberry orchard, they would find it indispensable.

DAVIDSON.

G. F. S., SR.—I have given you the estimate of the crops in my township. You will see, at a glance, that it is a very low estimate, owing to the long and continued drouth of some nine weeks in my township, which completely burnt up the crops in my neighborhood, known as the "Jersey Settlement," which is a red soil, and requires a good deal of rain to make a crop—if we can get the rain we can make fine crops. Some portions of the county have made very good crops, especially the northern part. The crops on the Yadkin River and creeks were very good, but the freshets nearly ruined them. There will be a great scarcity of corn in this county next year.

There will, I think, be a large wheat crop sown. If we can get a good wheat crop, it will help greatly. The last crop of clover was very short, so much so that it was not worth cutting in many instances. I think our farmers are putting their wheat land in much better fix than they usually do; they are finding out that it pays to fix their land well before seeding.

Pork will be bound to be high. In many instances the farmers have hogs, but not the corn to fatten them.

A. S.—The extreme drought of July and August was very injurious to all upland crops, while a portion of my corn crop, as well as all others on the Yadkin river, was destroyed by the high freshet in September. The early frost also destroyed about one-third of my tobacco crop. I think more than one-third of the crop in the county was destroyed by frost.

There is considerable improvement in farming in Davidson county, especially this year. The farmers have used more economy and worked better than during any previous year. I think the improvements in the western and northern portions of the county have been much greater than in the southern and eastern portions, because these portions are not as productive. With good seasons and no

destruction by high waters and early frosts, there would have been the greatest crops in Davidson this year that have ever been raised here. The next year will be a very scarce one with the majority of farmers.

About one-third of the farmers of Davidson depend on tobacco as their money crop; the larger portion of the remainder raise cotton.

DAVIE.

J. D. H.—Farming don't pay. The best farmers get less for their labor than any other class of laborers, not even excepting the freedman hireling. Few farmers are realizing more than a *very ordinary* living; the vast majority are living hard and getting deeper and deeper in debt.

S. A. W.—There is usually a great deal of corn raised in this county. But the big freshets this fall badly damaged the crops, just how much it is not possible to tell now, but certainly from a fourth to a third. Our tobacco crop was damaged at least one-third by the early frost. Farmers in this county have not made any money in three years.

DUPLIN.

J. A. B.—There have been no sales of land by which to estimate their value, except Sheriff's sales, and that is not a fair criterion by which to value the lands of the county. Agriculture is in a very depressed condition, and money so scarce that it is impossible to sell land for anything near its past valuations. By reference to U. S. Agricultural Department Reports, the nine principal crops in North Carolina, in 1880, are valued at \$51,770,240; in 1884, at \$49,468,727; in 1886, at \$40,894,220—a falling off of over one-fifth in six years, with three per cent. increase a year of population, and a consequent increase of expenses, necessarily producing depression in the country. Our population in 1880 was about 1,400,000, and with the thirty per cent. of increase of last decade, is now 1,800,000 to live and move and have their being on the one-fifth less necessities for subsistence than one-sixth less people enjoyed during the last or preceding decade. Hard times, and worse coming, unless the tariff is reduced, and retrenchment in State taxation. The hog cholera is no inconsiderable factor in producing hard times among poor farmers, which causes a large number of farmers to buy Western meat that would otherwise make their own meat. Hogs consume a large amount of perishable and unmarketable products, such as sweet potatoes, fruits, peas, &c. It took five laborers eight months to cultivate and gather the crop described on the within pages—three men, two boys and one woman—one man worked all winter making composts. Census of 1880 shows about seventeen million laborers of brawn and brain of a population of fifty millions; two-fifths bear the whole burthen of subsistence for the whole, and pay all taxes—State, county and national—and all farmers ask is as cheap market to buy in as we have to sell in. Let excise duties, income taxes and ten per cent. tariff or custom duties pay national expenses and farmers will “root hog or die,” and ask favors of no other class or of government. For all the tariff protected laborers and their families—about five millions—Indiana could supply them with provisions, and feed her own people; she has made fifty million bushels of wheat and could spare thirty million bushels, or six barrels *per capita* to those engaged in manufacturing. Yet we pay one billion dollars annually for protection.



B. J.—I have given you a short statement in answer to your questions, but must say the answers are not accurate—in the main, only guesses. It would have been better, perhaps, if you had applied for your information to a younger man, with a steadier hand and more accustomed to writing.

Labor is sometimes difficult to obtain in our township at the proper season, as the young colored men are gone south to work in turpentine and in saw mills, leaving the women and children to make a living as best they can. We would be willing for them to go if they would carry their families with them. It is a trouble that ought to be remedied, if possible. It is not necessary, however, for me to say more, as it is not in your power to correct the error.

Farm hands here get from six to ten dollars per month, and tenants cannot do much better.

W. E. H.—It is too soon yet (October 1st) to tell exactly how much we shall make, as we have just begun to pick out cotton, and have not gathered any corn. The weather has been so bad until last week and this week that very little was done in the way of picking out cotton. Crops will not be as good this year as they were last year, especially the corn crops, which will fall off more than cotton. Corn will fall off one-third; cotton over one-fifth, or one-sixth, from last year. North Carolina, or the South, will not do so well as it might, as long as so much land is rented out to negroes. They cultivate it badly, and even many white renters do not improve the land as they might. That is one of the principal reasons that prevents agricultural progress. The great requisites in agriculture and industry are good management and economy. Whenever you see a farmer possessing these qualifications properly combined, he makes a good living and something to spare, in spite of the tariff, trusts, mortgage, homestead, corners in meat, lotteries and all other drawbacks talked about in agricultural conventions. I know two farmers with adjoining lands. Mr. A. supports a large family and has made money enough in the last four years to pay for an eight thousand dollar plantation, while Mr. B., with better land, became involved in debt. A. had industry, good management, or brains and economy; B. did not have them. Tariff, trusts, &c., affected both alike. I believe a man can do as well in North Carolina if he has the qualities alluded to as he can in any other State. The reason so many fail in farming is because they do not work, are deficient in sense or good management, and are extravagant. I pass about through the country a good deal, and know what I say.

The trucking interests have greatly improved in our section. If I had more space, I would tell more about it.

#### DURHAM.

W. J. S.—It is very difficult to make a correct report at the present time, as the tobacco crop, that we generally depend on for our money, is unsold yet, and it is hard to say what our crops will bring; but, from present indications, I do not think we will realize more than thirty-five per cent. of an average crop. I think the farmers have worked better this year than they have worked before for many years, and will realize as little profit as they have for many years. This has been one of the most extraordinary years I have ever known. It was extremely wet in the spring and very dry in the summer, and then wet again in fall,

and frost at a much earlier date than usual. The crops, though very short in this community, are thought to be ten per cent. better than in other portions of the county.

J. W. U.—This has been the worst year we have had in a long time. We made last year on this farm over three thousand dollars worth of tobacco, corn, wheat, and other things raised on a farm. This year the crop will not be worth half that amount. The outlook is distressing to the farmers.

F. W. R.—In answer to question 7, I mean to value my tobacco crop only. I may realize much *more* for it; probably *less*. That will depend upon future contingencies. The corn and other grain crops for this year, 1888, are fearfully short. The tobacco crop is about eighty per cent of a crop in weight, but not over thirty per cent. in quality. This is true of the crop generally so far as my observation extends, except in the case of Franklin and Nash. There the crop is very much better in quality, but about the same in quantity. The value of lands with us depends very much upon the price of tobacco. Tobacco is our money crop.

Money scarce and times, as the old men say, are hard.

#### FORSYTH.

S. A. H.—Crops in this county are short at least one-fourth. The tobacco crop is very small and sorry, and money will necessarily be very scarce for the next year. Many will have to borrow and pay big interest. Interest is too high for an agricultural people. Railroad fare and freight are too high. With trusts, pools, combinations and corners being formed every day, it looks like a wall was gradually being closed in on the producing classes that will utterly crush them out. Then what?

#### FRANKLIN.

S. M. S.—This year is unprecedented as unfavorable to farming. The cool nights of spring held up to summer, and then the dry weather was upon us, which lasted up to September; the foliage very small, and through the growing season, there was not moisture enough in the soil to encourage growth or fruitage. The crops raised here compared with an average crop of one hundred, all told—wheat, oats, corn, cotton and peas—twenty-five. Lands on which we have raised a bale of cotton per acre seasonable years, will take this year four acres to make a bale. Ten acres good land, well broken, well manured and cultivated to make fifty barrels of corn, will only make twenty; fifteen acres well prepared and well manured to make sixteen bales of cotton of four hundred and fifty pounds each, will only make four bales.

I insist on my former report to you, that acreage must be reduced and crops proportioned to the available labor of one's own family, assisted with sulky plows and walking cultivators. The time has come in farming when farmers can no longer hire the farms cultivated and harvested, and clear anything, or live himself. Would suggest to the whole State the adoption of improved farm machinery, so that the old man and the little boys can run it, and cut off the expense of hiring.



## GASTON.

J. C. F.—My family consists of myself, my wife and four children, two girls and two boys, the former aged respectively 22 and 15 years, and the latter 20 and 17 years. I make this statement to show that my family consists of grown persons. We do not use much hired help, neither do either of the members of my family make a full hand at work on the farm. Two good hands, working all the time, would perform the labor required upon my farm, and one good hand would do the home work.

This has been a peculiar year: The early part was too wet to get the crops started properly, and then we had a drought of eight weeks duration, which did great injury to our crops. When it did begin to rain, we were visited by both storms and freshets, which have also done much damage. So, taking it altogether, I think this section will realize only about three-fourths of a crop, or seventy-five per cent. Some farms will make a little more, some a little less. I have given my own at eighty per cent.

My farm adjoins the Catawba river, in which there have been two freshets, of about the same height, within the past month. One hundred and fifty bushels of my corn have been twice under water, but the damage is not so great as I feared it would be before it was gathered and shucked. I estimate my total loss at ten bushels. On farms where the land is low, the loss is very heavy. Creeks have been more destructive than the river.

J. H. R.—The corn crops in this portion of the county have been badly injured for the past three years by the high waters in the creeks, especially Indian Creek. This creek has about fifteen hundred acres of land, from my place down four miles, rendered almost entirely of no benefit, from filling up with sand, caused by its zig zag course, and the land owners are unable to drain it. If properly drained, this land would produce forty bushels per acre.

The mortgage system and the over purchase of fertilizers are rendering the farmer poorer every year. A great many of them, on average, don't clear twenty per cent. after paying for their guano.

If I could have gotten the old tax list, I could have given you a more correct statement of the value of land in the entire county. Lands in the eastern portion of the county have advanced rapidly in price, owing to cotton mills and other public works that have been put in operation there.

## GRANVILLE.

J. A. W.—I understand that the crops are much shorter in the northern part of this county than in this, the southern portion. This is the finest tobacco growing township in this county; hence our lands sell higher than some others. There has been more wheat seeded this fall than usual, and I think our people will pay more attention to grain in the future.

## GREENE.

R. A. T. C.—This has been the most unfavorable season for crops that I have ever experienced. We have had rain for twenty-five days, and it is still raining. Most of the cotton weed is as dead as in December, from rust, and cotton is rotting

in the fields. The future for farmers looks gloomy, indeed. Not one in twenty will pay expenses this year.

#### GUILFORD.

J. E. C.—I believe it is generally admitted that farming is at a very low ebb, more particularly in the raising of wheat and corn. I frequently meet friends who inform me that they have been endeavoring to find other employment by which to earn money save that of farming. They can get work that pays much better than farming, but most of those who have been raised on the farm like it best.

Owing to the hard times financially, and to the successive failure of crops in this section, farming is discouraging. Farmers who can do their work without hired labor can manage to live if they constantly observe all the rules of economy. Still, I am sorry to say, many farmers overlook this very important matter, and mortgage their crops and farms for fertilizers and other necessities, as they think. People generally (not only farmers) live beyond their means, in my judgment, and it seems to me the poorer they get the prouder they are.

P. H. H.—Farmers who are industrious and economical, raise their own supplies, cultivate cotton and tobacco only as a surplus crop, are generally prosperous; while those who adopt the one-crop system, buy fertilizers (commercial) largely on time, depend upon the merchants for supplies, drink whiskey and talk politics, it only takes them about three years to get rid of their property—then they are fit subjects for the Legislature, Congress, or a government position (possibly revenue), and they generally get it.

What the farmers most need is consumers who have the money to pay for what they buy, such as milk, butter, and all kinds of vegetables that will not bear transportation—then the farmer would have money to buy his clothing, coffee, sugar, &c., and could dictate terms to the merchant without any combinations, and would not have to depend upon a reduction of the tariff to get a wool hat, or a pair of trace chains.

With the present cheap system of transportation, it will not do to make grain or meat to sell, for the price is below the cost of production, and the man who says that North Carolina can compete with the West in making grain and meat is either a knave or a fool.

If we had plenty of cash paying consumers, such as laborers in factories of all kinds usually are, and farmers would attend to the "odds and ends," and not get above small things, they could, without alliances or combinations, bid defiance to monopolies (such as telegraph), tariff, and, with the help of God, the Devil. To this end, manufactures should have all the protection and encouragement possible.

All the hue and cry against the homestead, the merchants, the tariff, and oppressions generally, is made mostly by men who have worn the seats of their pants out on goods boxes at the corner grocery.

Give us factories, distribute the "surplus" among the ignorant as a school fund (as provided in the Blair Bill), then while the politicians, the merchants, and monopolists are fighting to win the prize, the farmer may rest (only at night) on his "flowery bed of ease." I believe the educational and moral condition of the people is slowly improving.



## HALIFAX.

S. J.—The failure of the crops here this year was principally due to the late wet and cold spring, the summer drouth and September freshets and overflows.

W. E. B.—It is somewhat difficult to say what an average crop is here, as we have not had an average crop in this section for several years, and it is thought that the crop for this year is the poorest of any. A severe hail storm damaged those it struck very much in May. Later the drouth, and then the excessive rains, all combined to make our crops very short.

## HAYWOOD.

W. S. T.—In our county there is considerable wild mountain land, which sells at an average of about two dollars per acre, except where large bodies are bought, and then it is some cheaper. Our mountain lands being very rich and well timbered, produce fine wheat, corn, rye, buckwheat, clover, grass and vegetables, from the base to the summit of the highest peaks. In fact, I may say these things will grow and do well from the lowest valleys to the highest tops of the mountains. Corn does not do so well on the mountains as it does in the valleys. I have such a variety of business on my farm that it is difficult to give the exact cost of farm labor. I do not use commercial fertilizers, but depend on clover and barn yard manure to keep up my lands. I am satisfied that the production of my farm is 150 per cent. greater than in 1866 and 1867, and is steadily increasing. The shortage in our county this year may be accounted for by late killing frosts in the spring, the great glut of rain in September, and a wind storm that did considerable damage to corn and tobacco, besides heavy, killing frosts on the 29th and 30th of September.

The farmers in our county, I think, are tolerably clear of debt and are generally sober and industrious. They are also making improvements in farming and are using better farming implements than a year or two back. There are some very fine tobacco lands in this county, and for wheat, oats, clover, grass, cabbage, turnips, &c., I think is as good, if not the best county in western North Carolina, and for apples it can't be excelled by any.

A. G. O.—The twenty-five acres mentioned is all that I work in grain and meadow, but my effort is to make all I use at home and have plenty of fall and winter pasture for my calves, so I am not forced to make large crops of corn to feed through the long winters we have in this county. You will see that I do not hire much field help, except in stacking grass. I range my calves in summer and have some fifty-five acres in grass that I pasture in late fall and early spring. My father's idea was to make more corn and fatten more hogs than his neighbors. But the All Wise Creator made and adapted the mountains to the growth of grass. It is true, that it takes more acres to graze a steer in these mountains; but we have more acres in a square mile in these hills than there is in a level country.

Our most prosperous farmers are those that depend on grass to feed or graze their young stock until about the first of January, and then feed on the cut grass until March. This can be done by having several lots—say one lot for October,

one for November and one for December. By this time the weather is very cold, and we ought to stall all stock in bad weather. The master idea is this, that hill-sides will wash off if cultivated, when, if they are sown in grass and clover, they will improve all the while and yield a good profit.

HENDERSON.

C. M.—Farmers in this section are in a bad condition, money is very scarce and the price of produce so low that it don't pay to raise it. I think a stock, or no fence law should be adopted for the whole State. Besides being a great saving of time and labor, it would save large quantities of grain and grass now destroyed by stock running at large. The fences are not lawful fences, and stock go right into the fields without any trouble. There is no doubt about one thing, and that is, we ought to have better fences or none at all.

T. J. S.—The crops in my neighborhood are as good, if not better than last year. The apple crop is not so good, the cabbage crop better. Wages are very low, for money is scarce.

A. Q. M.—I have a small farm in cultivation, and upon it a quarry of fire-proof soapstone, apparently in almost endless quantity. I have worked up and sold a small quantity of it for fire brick for coal stoves and grates. Two years ago a great many farmers in this county became interested in tobacco growing, and commenced its production, but nearly all who went into it lost money, and have again turned their attention to the cultivation of corn and other grain. Not a barn of tobacco has been raised in my neighborhood this year.

HYDE.

J. H.—The crops in my township were damaged greatly by the drought last summer. We cultivate cotton principally. The other townships cultivate corn and peas mostly. The rice crop is a small one this year; most all our farmers have ceased to cultivate it. The late rains have greatly improved what was planted, and I think there will be about seventy-five per cent. of a crop.

Success to your statistics.

IREDELL.

G. F. S.—The reduced average was occasioned by excessive rains, which injured the wheat, produced a freshet, destroyed the corn crop on the lowlands, caused the cotton to rot and rendered the tobacco crop nearly valueless.

JACKSON.

D. S.—I will say that I have only been living in this county four years, and the county has certainly made progress since I moved to it, especially in stock. Our people are taking an interest in fine stock, sowing clover and making pastures. In fact, they are taking a great deal more pains in farming than they did some few years ago.

JOHNSTON.

R. J. L.—The farmers in this township, and I believe in the county, have seen the evil of being so badly split up, and are now working more uniformly together. They all seem to have hold of the same end of the rope, and are pulling steadily



together. If we could have had a good crop year, the farmers would have made twenty-five per cent. above an average crop, by better farming and harder work. They are less in debt than generally, and will pay out easier this year than usual, even with this bad crop.

I am a merchant as well as a farmer, and sell over \$12,000 worth of goods to farmers, and I know they are in much better circumstances than previous to this year.

JONES.

B. B.—Some of your questions are difficult to answer. I send you a statement of a three horse farm crop cultivated by hired labor. We sometimes have our crops cultivated on shares, which amounts to about the same, the landlord furnishing everything except the labor. The laborer feeds himself.

This farm contains about seven hundred acres of land, two hundred acres of which is cleared and in cultivation. One half of the cleared land is cultivated each alternate year, the half not in cultivation yielding no income except as a pasture for cattle. The woods land yields no income and is used only for firewood and rail timber for the farm.

*Average expense of a one-horse crop—33 acres :*

|                                                      |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 man hired 10 months, at \$8 per month.....         | \$ 80 00  |
| 1 boy, or woman, 10 months, at \$6.50 per month..... | 65 00     |
| Rations for the two above, at \$8 per month.....     | 80 00     |
| Land rent of 1-horse farm.....                       | 105 00    |
| Hire of 1 mule to cultivate crop.....                | 30 00     |
| Use of farming implements.....                       | 10 00     |
| Cost of feed for mule.....                           | 60 00     |
|                                                      | <hr/>     |
|                                                      | \$ 430 00 |
|                                                      | 3         |

Expense of 3-horse crop.....\$1,290 00

*Average crop produced on a 1-horse farm:*

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 5 bales of cotton.....                   | \$ 200 00 |
| 60 barrels of corn (long and short)..... | 135 00    |
| 6 stacks of fodder.....                  | 36 00     |
| Field peas (not gathered).....           | 10 00     |
| 50 bushels sweet potatoes.....           | 15 00     |
| 50 bushels ground peas.....              | 25 00     |
| Butter and cattle sold.....              | 30 00     |
|                                          | <hr/>     |
|                                          | \$ 451 00 |
|                                          | 3         |

Value of 3-horse crop.....\$1,353 00

The above represents about an average crop in this neighborhood, and I think it is about the average for the county. Some make more; others make less.

J. P.—The report I send is not positively correct, as I have not kept accounts this year. In addition to my farm I have a ginning business of over five hundred bales a year, and the farm team have to do the carting for it. Next year, being 1889, a correct account of everything should be kept, so as to report easily to the census taker in the year 1890. I do not raise truck, but simply cotton, corn and meat, and farm supplies for my family. My farm is near the town of Pollocksville, and has good buildings on it.

B.—The condition of our farmers is very little, if any, better than one year ago. The corn crop is not so good as last year, while cotton is a little better. Our farmers are looking up a little on hay raising, and, I think, will, in a few years, make it a profitable crop. We are troubled with hog cholera, and that, together with short corn crops, will make meat scarce; but the farmers seem to be in good spirits. We have a good school running all through the year, and well attended. Therefore we have cause to rejoice and be glad.

LENOIR.

W. L. K.—This is a bad year for me to give the answers you request, for several reasons: 1st. I used this year exactly double the amount of fertilizers that I usually do—all of which was almost a total loss, on account of the excessive rains. 2d. The season has been an extraordinary one. We have suffered seriously from both wet weather and drought.

I value my farm, including a new ten thousand dollar residence, at forty thousand dollars, in complete running order. I average a net profit of twenty-five hundred dollars per year, outside of my family expenses, which are not less than one thousand dollars. I farm with hired labor, paying the men monthly, and women weekly, in cash. I buy nothing on time.

C. P. D.—The farming interest of the whole State, so far as my information extends, is much depressed; farmers are considerably in debt and discouraged, and without a more scientific method of farming in the future, oppression will be bound to overtake them. Farmers must evidently get to raising their own supplies at home, before they will succeed in making farming pay. The tenant system will not work successfully; many of the best farms in this and other sections of the country have been run down and well nigh ruined and exhausted by this system. The present system ought to be abolished; the farms worked by hired labor at good wages—hired by the year. One good hand will do the work of three sorry ones. Farmers should by all means organize themselves into one solid brotherhood, by which, they could establish their cotton seed oil mills, machine shops, salt works, besides all other manufacturing establishments, that are much needed within the borders of our own State, and thereby save millions of dollars that we have to send elsewhere to supply our demands. Much good can be added to our agricultural interest by occasionally placing men in office who have some practical knowledge of farming, and would contribute essentially to the country's need in that direction, who, with hearts and minds interested in the great and grand tillage of the soil, would, with a never tiring vigilance, arouse and enthuse the lethargic yeomanry of the land, for, within my observation, with some exceptions, they are the most indifferent, dormant, "while away life" people on this terrestrial sphere.



## LINCOLN.

T. P.—This township lies on the South Fork River, and the recent rains destroyed a great deal of low land corn.

As there are two tenants on the same plantation who have done about the same, I have found it very hard to estimate the costs of the farm. Our mills, which are run from September to March, bothered me a great deal to separate the expenses. But outside of that, there is always enough made on the farm to meet all the family expenses each year.

Agriculture in this section, if anything, is on the decline. There is too much commercial fertilizers used; too much Western bacon, corn and flour purchased by the farmers, for their own good. They have been depending too much upon cotton; especially is this the case with tenants. Everything grows and does well here. Tobacco has, of late years, been cultivated by some, and has done well—bringing as high as ten dollars per pound, though, of course, this was choice.

## MCDOWELL.

W. A. McC.—There is some very valuable land in this county. Three-fourths are pine ridges and rocky, large mountains, &c., while bottoms on the streams are generally fine. Three-fourths would hardly sell for the price charged by the State for vacant land. So you see it is mere guess work to get at an average.

There are large quantities of decayed leaves in the vicinity of farms that industrious farmers can use to enrich their land, without purchasing guanos, or anything to keep up the land. Many are so negligent that they wear out their lands and abandon them and let all go to waste.

## MECKLENBURG.

S. W. R.—As I have not kept an accurate account of expenditures and income, I can only approximate some answers. While I put down the average crop at fifty per cent., some portions of the county may be considerably above that figure. Though I know one township—Paw Creek—that will not average more than twenty-five per cent. Again, the loss, in a great measure, of the corn on the low lands, by the long continued freshets, reduces our averaging considerably. The people are cutting all the crab grass and all other grasses that will do for forage, as the unprecedented amount of rain almost entirely ruined our fodder.

H. D. S.—We had a ten weeks' drought here, which cut the crops off more than half. Our farmers are growing poorer—leading causes are extravagant living, excessive use of commercial manures at prices that don't pay, the mortgage system of buying supplies on time at ruinous prices; and, I might add, that a great deal of land is cultivated too poor to yield any profit above the cost of culture.

## MONTGOMERY.

R. T. S.—I would remark that in my township (Cheek's Creek) we have a good deal of land of a low, wet nature. The best lands we have are worthless, because we, or a part of us, cannot drain our lands, and the neighbors below us will not drain theirs. The Legislature did pass an act in regard to drainage, but it is almost inoperative, and if you can get a better one passed by the next Legislature, you

will have done the State a great service, by placing thousands of acres of the best land in cultivation.

MOORE.

J. J. E.—Owing to wet weather in the spring, commercial fertilizers did but little good, while the drouth in summer cut crops very short.

There is but little legislation that is of any benefit to the farmer, and to say the least, the farmer must have suitable recognition at the hands of our legislative bodies, for labor, applied to the natural resources of the earth, is the only creator of wealth, and capital presents a strange anomaly when it rises superior to its creator, and becomes a power of oppression. Our banking system, legalized trusts, &c., are but so many means of robbing the farmer and laboring man.

J. W. S.—This year has been a very unfavorable one for the farmers in this section. Wheat and other small grain came in very short. Our summer crops were cut off by a ninety days drought. Then followed, in September, excessive rains, which caused rust in cotton, and the corn rotted in the fields. The dry weather has also destroyed a promising acorn crop. The rains came too late to materially benefit any crops in this vicinity, except potatoes.

PAMLICO.

C. S.—The value of land in this county is not any higher, if as high as it was ten years ago, mainly because of short crops and consequent scarcity of money. Crops have been small for the past seven years. We have had too much rain and too many bugs for the success of crops.

PASQUOTANK.

J. R. E.—Money to farmers comes "few and far between." It takes about ninety per cent. to pay for the labor to produce and market crop, to say nothing about the interest on capital invested in farm lands, &c. It costs about forty cents a bushel to produce and market corn. *The Bulletin* estimates forty-four cents per bushel. The cost on a pound of cotton is estimated at eight to nine cents. Under the present system of buying and selling, it is about all that a farmer can do to eke out a fried-meat and bread existence, with but few of the luxuries, unless he sails, for a time, on borrowed money. Amid the low prices for him to take, the high prices for him to give, and the accumulations of tax moneys extorted from him, he is not resting upon a bed of roses. But with plenty of faith and plenty of pluck, the better time is coming, coming. May the Lord speed its coming.

PENDER.

A. J. M.—Concerning farming, I have but few remarks to make. The most important points in my farming, I consider, are to raise my own fertilizers, buy nothing only as I can pay for it, owe no man anything but good will, curtail acreage to as small a compass as possible, make it rich, plant in time, work in time, always push my work and never let it push me. The drier the land the more successful in making good crops. These are my views.

I will mention a circumstance in farming that came within my own experience: Last summer I took 200 loads of oak leaves and loam, one barrel of rock lime, one



bushel of salt, and put it altogether in July and August, and let it stand till the following June, when I put it in the drill and set out potato sprouts over it. A better yield I never saw for the same amount of labor.

## PERSON.

D. W. B.—You will see by the estimate given that the farms in this county will not pay expenses this year. There is not one farmer in ten who will make out of his crop enough to pay the hired labor. Seasons were very poor in this section this summer. The rains, being late, did more harm than good. Farming for the past six or seven years has been a drag in this locality, and very little money has been made. In fact, to average the crops for that length of time, the income will not exceed but little, if any the expenses. Last year every one made some money, but the expenses for 1888 will eat up the income for 1887.

## PITT.

G. T. T.—This year we pay ten dollars per month for good negro hands, or forty cents by the day; seventy-five cents per day for canaling and digging marl, board included; common hands eight to nine dollars per month, or thirty to thirty-five cents per day; women twenty to twenty-five cents per day, cash. I know that these figures are very small and would be laughed at by a man from the protective North.

Cotton here governs labor, no matter what corn is worth or how fair the yield may be.

Strange to say, but nevertheless true, the condition of the negroes here is not so deplorable as in the autumn of 1885, when crops and prices first failed. They find that their labor is not in so great demand, therefore they are a little more careful as to how the dollar is spent.

There is at present very little building either in the country or neighboring villages.

Farm tenants are nearly all run by the merchants, and are often caught by them also, and the tenants come off poor, leaving the farm in a dilapidated condition. The Legislature should, by all means, abolish the crop mortgage system. It will benefit the land owners and free the poor tenants from a life worse than slavery. Down with homesteads! Down with the mortgages! Down with all trusts! Cut down the tariff, and let the farmers get one more long breath.

W. R. W.—For the past few years we have had bad crops, most especially this year. Of course we cannot give you an accurate estimate, as we do not know until we gather; but such is the prospect now. We had a very good cotton crop in this county, better than anywhere else I have seen (and I have been over the State considerably), until the great rains—cotton is awfully used up, the lower bolls rotten, especially those that had opened. It is raining to-day, cold and windy. I have never been so late as now picking, and my neighbors are in the same "box."

F. W.—If there were more attention given to corn, wheat, oats, peas and potatoes, which would increase the supply of pork, I think the farmers would do better; but cotton seems to be the main aim for a money crop. Labor continues

to grow worse, and without some change for the better, I don't see what we will do. The future outlook is gloomy.

I have not estimated crop from tenants, as your blank does not require it. (But for interest in tenants' crops, I would be worse off than when I commenced.)

This has been one of the worst years for cultivating crops in this neighborhood I have ever seen. The backward spring, with late frost, caused bad stands, and was followed in June and July with heavy rains and winds, which seemed to drive down into our sandy lands the entire strength of the manure, thereby starving the crops out; and then, in August, a long drought helped to finish up the bad reverses the crops had undergone. Those who were fortunate enough to have very forward corn, saved some good fodder, but ordinarily the crop of fodder was ruined or badly damaged.

This is the third poor crop we have had, but this year is the poorest on my farm since 1867. You see, from the report, there is no money saved, and I will be pleased in the wind up to find I am no worse off than when I began. Last year, owing to cholera in my hogs, I failed to raise my meat, and was compelled to buy nearly as much as I usually sell. My prospects would be good this year if corn was more plentiful. However, I hope I shall raise enough pork to run me through next year.

#### POLK.

W. R. J.—We realize the depression of all sorts of business in this country, on account of the scarcity of money. Something will have to be done in reference to finance or we will greatly suffer. I do not see how our people will be able to pay their taxes this year.

We have an abundant crop and would be all right only for money. We are much discouraged on account of the contraction of currency.

J. G.—I give you as correct statement as I can under the circumstances.

I work hired labor altogether. I do not raise cotton, but raise corn, wheat, oats, potatoes and sorghum, and cultivate bottom lands. Our corn crop was not hurt by rains. We made a full average crop of corn, while wheat yielded about half a crop.

#### RANDOLPH.

H. M. J.—Owing to drought, crops are far below the average as to corn and wheat. Oats are good. The cotton crop is below an average. I have made no report of my tenants. I and family perform the labor.

The crops in this portion of this county will not average more than sixty-five per cent.; in other portions of the county perhaps they will average seventy-five per cent. Much of the present corn crop has been destroyed by high waters of recent date.

Q. M. G.—We have had quite a changeable season this year. We had a late, cool, wet spring, with constant high winds; a very hot, dry summer, and very wet fall. Crops of all kinds are small, except grass. Cotton comes the nearest an average crop of any other crop we have in this township. The outlook is gloomy in the extreme for farmers the coming year.



RICHMOND.

J. C.—Farmers have had various drawbacks this year in this county. In the first place, a very cold, wet spring to commence with. Then there was a severe drought through June and July; then another short drought in August; then in September excessive rains and crops destroyed by freshets. On the night of September 29th, there was a frost which destroyed the pea crop and a great deal of late fodder, hay, &c. Cotton was not damaged so much. All these disasters the farmer looks for, but always hopes they will not come; but when they do come, he meets them not in wrath, and not in sorrow, but with an even temper; for he knows the hand of Providence is in it. We hope to pull through.

Rough feed will be very scarce; fodder mostly lost; also grass killed by the frost.

D. L. R.—The farmers of this section generally denounce the trust companies, and think Congress should do all in its power to suppress them at once. Farmers need more law in their favor and less in favor of monopolies and trust companies. Hard and systematic work and rotation of crops will bring up their impoverished lands. We need the law so changed that we can have cheaper clothing and other necessary articles; we need more home-made corn, wheat, potatoes, molasses, &c. People calculate in the spring to make too much, and when gathering time comes, it finds them behind. To illustrate: A man says in the spring I will make five bales of cotton this year—at forty dollars per bale, will be two hundred dollars; I can buy forty dollars' worth guano and one hundred and sixty dollars' worth of rations, clothing, &c., and pay out. So he goes ahead and trades two hundred dollars' worth with some merchant, giving a mortgage on his crop. Drouth comes along, or too much rain, or the grass gets the better of him, and his crop is cut short, perhaps fifty dollars. So when he comes to settle with the merchant he finds himself fifty dollars behind; and so on, he keeps falling behind until the first thing he knows, he is sold out, root and branch.

ROCKINGHAM.

A. F. N.—I have tried to answer your questions, and as I have given the matter attention to some extent, I believe I am near correct. You will see that my crop is put above the average crop. From the best information, the wheat crop did not average over six bushels to one sown, while I averaged ten. The oat crop was about the same. What brings down the average is the tobacco crop, it being our money crop, which is thought to be from one-third to one-half destroyed by frost. Owing to so much rain, we could not save our crops. Besides, crops here were greatly damaged by high water. The farmers in this section are down in the mouth to some extent.

J. V. P.—This is as near as I can come to the questions asked. The frost on the night of the 29th September killed one-third of the tobacco crop. The freshets ruined a good per cent. of the corn on the river bottoms and the hay on the low lands. In fact, this has been a *very* unsatisfactory year for farming operations. The spring was very wet and the summer very dry.

Should tobacco go up on account of the frost, my tobacco crop would probably bring more than the estimate.

Winter oats sowed in August and September are looking well.

## ROWAN.

A. T.—In a great part of this county, not more than half crops will be saved. Upland corn was injured by the drouth, while in the bottoms it was badly damaged by heavy rains and the overflowing of creeks and rivers.

## RUTHERFORD.

Wm. W.—This year has been a very bad crop year. The spring was cold and wet up to the last of June, followed by a drouth of eight weeks; then the rain set in again, and during the three first weeks in September it rained nearly all the time. Two freshets damaged the crops a great deal. It is hard to tell to what extent the crops were damaged, as the corn is not gathered yet. We had frost on the 29th of September that did a great deal of damage to late crops.

W. H. H.—In my opinion, the farmers of this county are improving in their methods of cultivating their crops and farming generally. On account of late spring, crops were late starting, and cotton was badly damaged by the early killing frost, and bottom land being wet so long, and overflowed at times, cut corn short, too.

T. F. T.—The mode of farming in this county is improving considerably; improved implements are being used to some extent all over the county; farmers prepare their land better and cultivate better than they did some years ago. There is still room for improvement.

## SAMPSON.

J. M. M.—It would doubtless be better to allow magistrates more jurisdiction in various cases. If the whipping post were established it would probably prevent much petit larceny, provided the offenders were disfranchised. Would it not be advisable to cease mixing convict laborers with hired laborers, because it tends to corrupt the latter? Those old in crime, say under sentence of five or ten years in the penitentiary, ought not be allowed to remain among good, law-abiding people, or even among respectable negroes. It would be advisable for laws to be enacted to send vicious negroes, who have violated the laws, to Liberia.

The Farmers' Alliance has done, and is still doing, considerable good in restoring the farming interests to a condition approaching a state of former times, and when its business agency system gets in full operation, it will do a great deal of good in making better the condition of the farmer and farm laborer. It would be better for the farmer to plant less cotton and plant more small grain, and give more attention to stock raising; it would be better to dispense with the use of guano entirely, or at least to use a great deal less than they have heretofore used. It would be advisable for them not to use jute bagging for anything, but to adopt a bagging for cotton and for shipping grain made entirely of cotton goods, and to use no guano unless sacked in cotton goods made of inferior cotton.

## STANLY.

J. M. W.—I do not attend to my farm in person, but have it divided into three distinct one horse farms, and furnish stock, land, tools, feed for the stock, one-half the guano, advance supplies when needed, and go halves with each tenant. I have been doing this for ten years, but it does not pay and will bankrupt any



land owner in time. I have good lands in cultivation. But very few farmers are making it pay and give their attention to the work, and I do not know hardly one renter or share farmer that makes any money for self or the land owner.

The corn crop was injured in this and adjacent counties by drouth, and the late excessive rains did great damage to the cotton crop, and it is believed that not more than half crop can be saved. We also had a large frost on the 30th September, and several light ones since.

Pee Dee and Rocky rivers have been very high, and have destroyed all the finest corn and cotton on their broad bottoms. The wheat crop was a failure.

Labor is much more pliable than it was a few years back.

#### STOKES.

A. M. B.—The farming interest in this portion of the State is rapidly progressing. The farmers are turning their attention more to raising of grasses and clover; they have quit the one-crop system, which was tobacco. We are raising more grain—wheat, rye and oats—and improving our lands. We have a healthy section of country; pure water; plenty of valuable timber and the grandest water power the State affords; minerals of nearly every description, which, in my opinion will soon be developed. Our soil is adapted to fine tobacco, wheat, rye, oats and corn; also to grasses and clover. This portion of the State is also adapted to the growth of all kinds of fine fruits. The financial panic has somewhat injured the farming class, but we still hope and look for a speedy relief.

#### SWAIN.

S. B. G.—I sell but very little grain; think it better to sell it in live stock. I hire most all my farm work done, as my boys are in school, and I am a crippled Confed.

In regard to the average crops, I do not include wheat. Wheat is not more than one-fourth crop this year.

I am running a country store in connection with my farm, and it takes both farm and store to keep up my family. Sometimes my farm work is very badly done, as many hired hands only care for the wages and to get in their time.

H. J. B.—We have about an average crop in this county. Corn is over an average; wheat, oats and tobacco under an average—but taking the whole, it is about an average in value.

As to my own affairs, I keep stock enough to consume all that I make, and my sales of stock per year will average three hundred dollars. I make my own fertilizers.

H. D. C.—I am not a man of a family, but a farmer working on my father's farm with the rest of the family. I have given you, as near as possible, the correct answers to the questions, except as to land—that is the average price per acre. I am afraid I have stated rather too high a price. Land does not bring as much (that is per acre) as it did five years ago, and the probability is the price of land will still come down.

W. H. Q.—The figures given you are as accurate as my memory can calculate without memorandum. All kinds of produce have been extremely low this year

and labor has commanded a reasonable, or average, price. It is hard to give the true value of land per acre in my county, from the fact that there is so much rough, mountainous, wild forest land that is worth but little. The price of land runs from about one dollar to fifty dollars per acre.

#### TRANSYLVANIA.

T. W.—Until within about the past two years, agriculture was at a stand still, or rather on the decline, but since that time, with our railroad prospects, there seems to be a spirit of improvement amongst our farmers generally.

The attention is not given to stock raising that should be given to it, neither to horses, cattle, sheep or hogs, particularly in regard to horses. Our grade of cattle, except on a few farms, is very inferior. The same may be said in regard to sheep, although more thought has been given the more improved breeds introduced, much to our advantage.

Our bottom lands on French Broad river vary much in value, for although some would sell at \$70 and \$75 per acre, some would be dear at little more than half that amount.

#### TYRRELL.

J. G. B.—Some land in this county sells for twenty dollars, and some for fifty cents per acre. Fifty cent land is swamp and savannah land, with no good timber on it. The farming interest in my neighborhood is not pushed with the interest it should be, because the majority of the working men are fishermen and attend to that interest most. There are several large timber firms in this county who are cutting pine and juniper timber and give employment to many hands at better wages than they can get on the farm.

The figures I send to you are just the opinion of myself. My opinion is that the majority of the people of this county ran behind for the past few years. The great trouble with us is, we have learned to live too fast for our income; there are too many pretty things made to sell, which are no profit and could be done without, but the people like them and buy them too much for the amount that is their pocket-books.

#### UNION.

W. W. W.—The laborers in my neighborhood are negroes and they are very much demoralized. At present, I make very little clear money on my farm—I do not think I make more than six per cent. clear, and that is about an average of our township (Jackson); I think this would be a very fair average of what is made in the county.

The lands in my section have mostly been cleared and worn out—that is, the virgin soil is mostly gone. Lands are washing away every year, and very little improvement is being made; very little manuring or renovating of the soil; very little manures made on the farms; most of the fertilizers used are commercial. Cotton is our chief money crop. Lands worked in cotton will wash more than any other crop. The lands in my section are as low now per acre as they were fifteen years ago; that is, our farming lands away from the towns.



## WAKE.

D. P. M.—The answer to question 4 may appear singular without an explanation. There is a large portion of the land embraced in the *word* cultivation that is what we call waste land. It is in process of *re-cuperation*, and although cultivated, it is only for the purpose of getting a vegetable growth to plow under as a fertilizer. It not only does not pay its expense, but adds an expense to better land.

The answer to question 12 embraces the services of myself, wife, three grown children, and three whose ages range as follows : fourteen, twelve and nine years. So it will be seen that the estimate is not too large.

The answers herein given are not guess work, but are in accordance with my farm account book.

I do not think that our present system of farming does more than pay customary wages and furnish employment for the masses engaged in it.

If the acreage of cotton could be curtailed to just half what it now is, and home supplies were produced on the remaining half, farming would be much more remunerative, but the trouble is that almost everybody is more or less in debt, and are forced, they think, to produce an excess of cotton, for money with which to pay interest. Without a radical change, and that very soon, the evil day is not far distant.

T. C.—Mortgages and the present cropping system are the great drawbacks to farming—to the landlord, the tenant and the land—and by way of suggesting something that would help the farmer, I would say that as the State guarantees that mortgages can be collected on becoming due, so should the State require that, on a mortgage given for the purpose of supplying a farmer while making a crop, no more than a specified per cent. should be charged, and a commission of three or more should be appointed to see that the act is not violated, and with power to examine books and witnesses, so that farmers should have some chance of redress. The per centage might be started at two per cent. per month (for the time the account run) above the cash price of the goods in open market, and see how that would work.

W. H. C.—The crops in this section were cut off about one-half by unfavorable seasons and early frost. Still, we are not discouraged, but will keep on trying. My crop of tobacco the past two years has turned me out good profit, much better than cotton. I manured heavily with home-made manures and bought very little commercial fertilizers. Much of the labor was performed by my own family, and part of my children attended school all the spring and summer. Hired labor is becoming more and more unreliable each year. We can no longer depend on the negroes for laborers. We must either reduce the acreage to the capacity of our own families, or import another race of laborers.

Many of our farmers are in very straightened circumstances by reason of the short crop. They are in debt and there is no chance for them to pay out.

## WARREN.

H. B. H., SR.—With regard to the condition and prospects of agriculture in my county, I have only to say, that I am fully satisfied, from experience and observation, that a very large majority of farmers would make not only a good sup-

port, but some clear money, if they would raise home supplies—meat and bread. Until they do this, there will never be any success with them. I have always made my supplies at home; by doing this, I have made some clear money every year for forty-two years. I therefore insist, as a rule, that farmers must make their own supplies, or they will never succeed. This has been, in all respects, in my section and county, the worst crop year I ever knew.

#### WATAUGA.

J. J. T. R.—The wheat and oat crops were not heavy, hence the reduction in the per cent. Corn is an average crop.

This county is mountainous. The land is not cultivated by machinery to any extent. Land on the creeks and in the valleys is worth from ten dollars to twenty dollars per acre; that on some of the mountains fifty cents per acre, while some, again, is very rich. You see, it is the amount of steep, poor land that reduces the value. I had an opportunity last year of ascertaining the average value of land in my township, as I was assessor.

This is a grass country. I report seventy-five acres of cleared land. Fifty acres is in grass pasture and meadow.

J. B.—The crops in this county were not so good this year as last, still we have no room to complain, for we have "bread, and to spare." Renters have had a pretty fair showing this year, and are doing very well. There is plenty employment for all who will work, both male and female. We have very few negroes in the county. Our lands are good, and need no commercial fertilizers. Our lands are also fine for grass, and stock raising is very profitable here.

J. W. T.—At present crops are better in our county than they were last year, except in a portion of Watauga township, where corn and hay were damaged at least fifty per cent. by drouth. An average crop of wheat was raised in our county, and about the same can be said of the rye crop. We do not raise any cotton or tobacco. The oat crop was very sorry.

#### WAYNE.

J. W. I.—The statement includes my farm where I hire the work done, and the lands about my residence. Tenants live off, and they do not make as much to the horse as I do. Their lands are not so good because they will not keep stock and make manure, but depend on buying all or nearly all they use. They are running our farms down fast—land, houses, fences, ditches and everything else, as a general thing. They work too little; finish their crops in July and play around until time to save it; get that done by the first of December, and play around until March or middle of February at best; then buy guano, let fences and ditches go, until they get heels over head in debt, and then say the land is no good and off they go to find a better place and leave the land owner with the empty bag to hold. Do not understand me to say all tenants do this. There are a few exceptions, for some tenants are doing well, both for themselves and the land owners. It is plain, to my mind, that the farmers are not improving financially. I hope their Alliances, Granges and Clubs will help them, for they need it.



## YADKIN.

T. L. E.—I have answered the questions as correctly as in my power. I hire no help; had a party cropping with me, whose services were not worth more than what I gave, as he proved to be a worthless hand. The average crop this year is about as I state. The corn crop would have been something over 110, but the recent rains have ruined thousands of bushels; and hence the crop will be largely reduced. The use of fertilizers throughout the county this year has been light—a commendable thing in the farmers. There is one great drawback to farming in this section, and one that will always be hard on land—that is, the tenant system. It is utterly impossible to get a tenant to improve your land. He does not believe in it, and cannot see he is benefitting himself as much as he is the owner of the land. Their whole aim is to work the land for all it is worth. The land owners here do not realize three per cent. from their farms, and each year reduces the productive strength of the land. It is a system that must be broken up, if the land owners desire better returns. Occasionally you will find a renter who will sow a little clover seed, but the cases are rare. The renters are clever people; but it is the system that I object to; have no unkind feelings for the tenants; it is a system that is unsuitable for the South, and no money to a land owner. I have two tenants, whose crops I do not include in this estimate, yet their crops are about like mine. This has been an off year for the farmers. Wheat was almost a failure; oats (spring) also; tobacco is fair; corn would have been a very large one, if saved. Any information you desire I will be pleased to furnish if I can.

## YANCEY.

O. W. A.—We have, in my opinion, one of the best grass counties in the State, if properly utilized. Grass is a natural growth in Yancey county, and if the land is cleared and grubbed, it will grow on the most of it without sowing. Some portions of Yancey are adapted to the cultivation of tobacco. We raise corn, wheat, rye, oats, buckwheat, potatoes, cabbage, turnips, and various other vegetables, but do not raise cotton, rice or barley.

We have considerable range in this county for cattle, hogs and sheep. It is a great deal more profitable to raise cattle than either hogs or sheep. If properly managed, cattle raising is the most profitable business we can engage in on the farm.





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